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Last-minute call to Young postpones announcement

Cabinet anger as BAe halts deal for Rover

By Robin Oakley and Daniel Ward

The Government was plunged into a major political embarrassment yesterday when British Aerospace made a last-minute demand to reconsider the scheme whereby they were to take over the Rover car group, with generous government assistance.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and his deputy, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, were forced to cancel the press conference at which they were to have announced the deal.

Instead, following the bad news from British Aerospace, delivered in a phone call from Professor Roland Smith, the British Aerospace chairman, to Lord Young at around 1.30, they had to go to both Houses of Parliament to make holding statements, thus giving the Opposition a field day.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's Trade spokesman, said that the Government had got itself into "an unholy mess" and that Lord Young and the Prime Minister had suffered a "humiliating rebuff". And though an imperturbable Mr Clarke played some fierce opposition bowling with panache, he was left without an answer when asked what the Government intended to do if the British Aerospace bid for Rover fell through.

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Conservative MPs were clearly stunned and ministers angered by the behaviour of British Aerospace, particularly as it emerged that although the terms agreed in Brussels for the deal involved a reduction in the Government's cash injection from £800 million to £547 million, nothing in the basic structure of the deal had changed over the past week.

However, sources close to the negotiations were suggesting last night that the fine print of the Commission's terms contained implications which had "come out of the blue." The BAe board had first got wind of these new conditions late on Monday night, the sources said.

The negotiations have been carried on between the Government and the European Commission and did not involve the company directly. Professor Smith, and Sir Raymond Lygo, the group chief executive, were "not the kind of men who can be bounced easily," the sources added.

The £331 million cut required by the Commission in the proposed £800 million package of Government support was more severe than outsiders were expecting even as late as Monday.

But in the City last night, analysts said that even on the new terms, the Rover purchase would bring considerable benefits to BAe.

In the Commons, Mr Clarke made plain his irritation with the company, saying that there were no problems between the British Government and the European Commission, and that until lunchtime he had been given no indication that there were any with British Aerospace either.

So sudden and unexpected was the pullback by the company that Lord Young had been counting the Government's battle honours on the deal at a Downing Street lunch for the Turkish president only minutes before the alarm call came through.

The deal agreed with Mr Peter Sutherland, the European Commissioner responsible, had been rubber-stamped yesterday morning by the full Commission.

It reduced the Government's cash injection but Mr Clarke told MPs that the purchase price would reamin at £150 million and "there would have been important relaxations in the tax conditions".

Mr Clarke told MPs: "Until lunchtime today it appeared that British Aerospace were prepared to accept these terms. However, at the last minute, they have asked for more time to consider the implications of other conditions attached to the Commission decision."

Discussions between British Aerospace and the Government would continue and he would report back to the Commons as soon as possible.

What neither Mr Clarke nor the company would reveal last night was precisely what were the sticking points which had led British Aerospace to ask for more time, causing the Government such marked political embarrassment.

Responding to questions, Mr Clarke said that no time limit was being imposed on BAe, but he agreed with Labour questioners that it would be very worrying if the uncertainty continued and that it could hit Rover sales in the crucial car-buying month of August.

Mr Gould said that the news represented "an embarrassing confession that the Government has got itself into an unholy mess, a mess which remains unresolved even at the cost of a humiliating rebuff of the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State and at the

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Keeping the door open: Lord Young leaving a London hotel for the House of Lords yesterday

US 'warned Athens' to expect terrorist attack

By Mario Modiano in Athens and Nicholas Beeston in London

Washington warned Athens more than a month ago that its reluctance to extradite to the United States a suspected Palestinian terrorist, Mohammed Rashid, would expose it to the risk of a guerrilla attack, a diplomatic source said yesterday.

A spokesman for the Greek Government refused to comment, but said: "Greece co-operates with all countries on the exchange of information about terrorism."

Greek and Western counter-terrorism agents are now working on the assumption that the original aim of the guerrillas who on Monday stormed the cruise ship City of Poros. killing nine people, was to free Rashid. wanted in the US for the bombing of American passenger planes.

The agents believe that the plan went awry either because of the blast that raked the rendezvous car with its cargo of explosives — parked where the ship would have docked in Phaleron Bay — or because one of the terrorists, who drew the other passengers' attention to himself because he was so agitated, lost his nerve.

BEIRUT: A previously unknown group claimed responsibility in Lebanon yesterday (Reuter reports). "The Organization of Martyrs of the Popular Revolution in Palestine — Abu Jihad Unit — launched a swift attack on tens of Zionist, American and British soldiers on board the Greek ship City of Poros," it said.

Rashid. aged 35, whose real name is Mohammed Haddam, was taken to the Athens law courts yesterday under strong police escort to be tried on a lesser charge of entering this country on a false Syrian passport. He was arrested after the US Embassy in Athens tipped off the Greeks.

Despite the attack, the US remained committed yesterday to press ahead with

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Rhine army on alert after IRA bombing

From John England, Duisburg

British bases in West Germany were again on full alert after two IRA bombs blew a gaping hole in the wall of the British Army's Glamorgan Barracks here yesterday. Nine soldiers were slightly hurt in the bombing, which came 10 weeks after three RAF men were killed by IRA terrorists in Holland.

Servicemen and their families were warned to be on their guard in case the IRA tried to strike again. Throughout the day, the British Forces Broadcasting Service carried the message "stay alert, stay alive".

A hole 9ft by 15ft was torn in the wall of a two-storey building by the two bombs which exploded shortly after 3am while about 70 single soldiers were sleeping there. But only nine were slightly hurt by flying glass.

"They did not even need hospital treatment," a British Army of the Rhine spokesman said. "They were very lucky."

The injured men are serving with 35 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, which is part of the 3rd Armoured Division's transport regiment.

The IRA admitted it carried out the bombing in a brief statement issued from Dublin.

The bombers got into the base, which lies on main public roads in a suburb of Duisburg, and is not classified as a "high security area", by cutting a hole in a wire fence only about 21ft from the sleeping quarters.

The blasts also brought down part of the barracks roof and damaged buildings on an industrial estate near by.

Shortly before the explosions, a lone policeman in a patrol car chased a gold-coloured BMW 3-series car that drove through a red light not far from the barracks. But he gave up the pursuit after about three miles when an occupant of the car fired on him with a sub-machine gun.

He said he believed the car had Dutch registration plates, and at least two people were in it. The shots went wide of the police car and hit houses at a height that led police to believe that the firing was meant only to warn them off.

In Karlsruhe, Herr Alexander Prechtel, the spokesman for the Federal Public Prosecutor's office, said that the policeman heard the explosion as he was just starting to pursue the car when it went through the red light, about 200 yards the barracks.

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Herr Prechtel added that ballistic tests of about 10 bullets recovered from the scene indicated they could have been fired from an AK47 assault gun.

Herr Hans Engelhard, the West German Justice Minister, described the bombing as a "cowardly and malicious" attack.

West German anti-terrorist units from the Federal Criminal Bureau in Wiesbaden yesterday joined British military and German police in the hunt for the bombers.

At the barracks, Major Colin Bulleid, an army spokesman, said: "Despite the bombs, it's business as usual for us. But of course we are keeping our eyes well open."

He would give no details of extra security measures but said: "They are tight."

Greece air delays of up to 31 hours

By David Nicholson-Lord and Boris Johnson

Holidaymakers flying to Greece faced long delays. disruption and packed airport lounges yesterday despite the end of protest action by Greek air traffic controllers.

Delays of up to 31 hours were reported at British airports, with some passengers accommodated at hotels but others forced to spend the night in terminal lounges. Many complained bitterly of their treatment by tour operators.

The 450 Greek controllers announced yesterday that they had reached agreement with their transport ministry and would be ending their two-day hunger and sleep protest. Flights were expected to begin returning to normal last night.

But there was a new threat on the horizon for tourists flying to Spain, where ground staff with Iberia, who handle all flights at Spanish airports, have threatened to go on strike next week.

At Gatwick airport an estimated 3,000 passengers spent Tuesday night in the south terminal while 600 camped in the north terminal. At one stage a 30-minute queue for coffee was reported.

It looked certain last night that similar numbers would be stranded again. Spokesmen predicted that "things would get worse before they get better".

The British Airports Authority drafted an extra 300

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WIN £118,000

- Two people shared the daily prize yesterday (see page 3) so the Portfolio Accumulator remains unchanged at £118,000.

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First atom power plant to be closed

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Plans to close and dismantle the world's first commercial nuclear power station, at Berkeley, Gloucestershire, were announced yesterday by the Central Electricity Generating Board.

It will be the world's first decommissioning of a commercial nuclear power station. The CEGB said that about half of the 532 staff would continue working on-site for some five years.

Berkeley began operating in 1962 and is one of the nine first-generation nuclear power stations in Britain based on the Magnox type of reactor.

It was subjected recently to a long-term safety review by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, together with a Magnox station of the same age at Bradwell in Essex.

Safety improvements were requested at both stations, but the board said that in the case of Berkeley these would have added to already high operating costs: hence the closure.

Lord Marshall, chairman of the CEGB, said: "Berkeley is going three years earlier than we had been planning, but it has also run six years longer than first anticipated."

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Reform of legal profession

Bar at odds with solicitors

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The legal profession was split last night over a radical proposal to give solicitors extended rights of audience in all cases in the Crown Court.

The recommendation, made as part of a far-reaching strategy to prepare the profession for the 21st century, is a blow to barristers who argue against the change.

With very limited exceptions, Crown Courts, like those higher up the scale, are the exclusive preserve of the Bar. Fears among barristers are now heightened that this could undermine the position of the Bar, while solicitors advance to take over its traditional territory.

The proposal comes from a majority of the Committee on the Future of the Legal Profession, set up by the Bar Council and Law Society, which reported yesterday. To appear under the new arrangement, solicitors would have to be licensed by the Law Society and approved by a Rights of Audience Advisory Board.

But the Law Society, which has lost its conveyancing monopoly, welcomed the Committee's views on rights of audience. Lady Marre, the Committee's chairman, told a press conference: "I believe that, when the Bar has recovered from its fright and has had a chance to look at this, perhaps more objectively, they will see the enormous good sense in what we have put forward."

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Lord Alexander QC, a member of the Committee, replied: "I do not share the chairman's view that the Bar is frightened." There were two views and "the Office of Fair Trading will want to consider it and so will the Lord Chancellor".

The Office of Fair Trading is looking at restrictive practices in the professions. A spokesman said yesterday: "We shall be studying the report with interest."

The recommendation will now go to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern.

Barristers on the Committee dissented from the recommendation.

Mr David Ward, the Law Society's deputy vice president, said: "It was perhaps predictable that the solicitor members should support an end to this artificial limitation on a client's right to choose his lawyer and also that the barrister members should resist such a change.

"What is significant is that six out of seven of the independent non-lawyer members have concluded that in the light of modern approaches to competition and restrictive practices, change is now necessary."

Adair bid to douse rig blaze may fail

By David Sapsted

Mr Paul "Red" Adair, the veteran Texan firefighter, was facing defeat last night in his bid to cap the still-blazing wells on the Piper Alpha Platform.

Occidental UK, operators of the rig which exploded last week with the loss of 166 lives, admitted that because of high winds since the weekend Mr Adair's time "is rapidly coming to a close".

The company will start drilling an initial relief well today and, for a while at least, this operation and the Adair team's efforts to cap the wellheads on the platform will run in parallel.

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Mr Gene Grogan, Occidental's vice-president in charge of engineering, said he was still hopeful the Adair team would succeed.

But the winds that have enabled Mr Adair's men to make only one working visit to the remains of the platform since the weekend, were predicted to worsen today. Mr Grogan said: "We have not put a finite time scale on Mr Adair's operation. But it is not infinite either. It certainly does not look very good."

The company would prefer Mr Adair's efforts to succeed on grounds of both cost and time. It takes about six weeks to drill a relief well and, with the disclosure yesterday that five wells — not three as originally thought — were on fire, the task could last months even employing three drilling vessels

However, there is a cut-off time when the drilling of the wells will be so advanced that it would be uneconomical to stop. Also, the arrival of additional drilling vessels would make it virtually impossible for the support vessel Tharos, Mr Adair's base, to remain on site.

Kinnock discovers Africa's economic paradox

From Philip Webster
Gaborone

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday came face to face with the eternal paradox of southern Africa.

Five miles from the South African border, the closest he has come to the republic during his tour, Mr Kinnock and his wife, Glenys, clambered on board the engine of a Botswana train bringing fish, petrol, wood, fruit and other produce from South Africa into the frontline states.

These are goods which, of course, the Kinnocks and many other people would have nothing to do with in Britain. Mr Kinnock has used his tour to step up the pressure on Western governments to impose comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa. But here the economic dependence of Botswana and its neighbours on South Africa was graphically underlined.

Mr Kinnock wants sanctions to help the frontline states. But Botswana, the economic success story of black Africa, could never afford them itself. A third of Botswanan produce is sold in South Africa and 81 per cent of its imports come from there. Ninety-five per cent of its exports have to go through South Africa, most of them on the Bulawayo to Cape Town rail line, which Mr Kinnock saw yesterday.

The Labour leader, who has always maintained that it is for the West rather than poorer nations to apply the economic pressure to end apartheid, said that for Botswana to do so would be suicide. But although his trip to the Rakhuna siding on the border with the South African homeland of Bophuthatswana showed him the vice-like grip which South Africa exerts over its neighbours, it gave him an illustration of the efforts that Botswana is making to escape from its trap.

Botswana last year spent about a million pulas (about £350,000) to build the siding in a move to resist South African pressure to recognize the homeland. Early in 1987 Botswana was told that all its nationals, including train crews, would need visas to pass through the territory on their way to South African ports. The South African and Botswanan crews used to change over at Mafeking, in Bophuthatswana.

The Government built the new siding in Botswana to enable its drivers to swap places with the South Africans without crossing the border into the homeland. The visa demand has since been dropped, but the threat to the vital trade route remains.

Botswana, with its wealth of diamonds and beef, is trying to reduce its dependence on South Africa in other areas. In 1976 it replaced the rand, which it had shared with South Africa, with its own currency. To Pretoria's chagrin, the pula is now significantly stronger than the rand. Botswana's average income per head is second only to South Africa's on the continent.

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No publication of Burnage report

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last night refused to publish the Macdonald report into the murder of an Asian boy two years ago at Burnage High School, Manchester, saying that the inquiry procedures were unfair. The inquiry, by Mr Ian Macdonald, QC, a London barrister, into the murder of Ahmed Ullah in September 1986, was highly critical of Dr Gerry Gough, the head teacher and his two deputies, in the way they managed the school and administered its racial policy.

Mr Baker told the Commons education select committee that it would not be fair to witnesses interviewed by the inquiry team, including senior teachers, to publish accusations they had no chance to answer.

Manchester City Council had refused to publish the complete report after legal advice that the council might be sued for libel.

Mr Macdonald last night refused to comment on Mr Baker's criticisms until he had considered them fully.

Jail for drugs dealer

A European drugs dealer who conspired to smuggle cannabis into Britain and supply it by the ton was jailed at Winchester Crown Court yesterday for 14 years – the maximum sentence allowed. Judge Tucker described Horst Reiner Ilsemann, aged 53, a German living on the Spanish Costa del Sol, as a cunning, manipulative, highly educated, unscrupulous man who had told a pack of lies during his trial. He also ordered Ilsemann to pay £396,385.99. Failure to pay that amount within two years will result in another five-year prison term.

York baby decision

The Duchess of York intends to leave her baby behind when she and the Duke of York make an official visit to Australia in September as part of Australia's bicentennial celebrations. The baby, expected during the second week in August, will remain with Miss Alison Wardley, aged 20, at Castlewood House, the Duke and Duchess's temporary home in Surrey.

Beach order defied

Southend Borough Council in Essex yesterday refused to shut down its beach, despite claims that it is like a cesspool. The refusal brought council chiefs into direct conflict with Essex County Council, which is calling for the public to be banned from the beach. Now the Government may have to act to end the stalemate. County council health chiefs say pollution from sewage in the Southend area is more than 100 times above the normal "safe" limit.

Salary rise of £74,000

The chairman of British Gas, Sir Denis Rooke, received a pay rise of £74,228 last year, the company's annual report showed yesterday. The 68 per cent boost, which took his salary to £183,674, was the latest in a series of massive pay rises for the heads of nationalized industries which have been privatized. Mr Iain Vallance, chief executive of British Telecom, had a 47 per cent increase in salary from £153,000 to £226,000 last month. Lord King, the chairman of British Airways, had a pay rise from £52,000 to £178,000.

New governor named

A former British ambassador to Somalia, Mr William Fullerton, aged 49, is to be the next Governor of the Falkland Islands, succeeding Mr Gordon Jewkes. The appointment means he will also be High Commissioner, British and Arctic Territory, and Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. Born in Wolverhampton, and educated at Cambridge University, he worked for Shell International before joining the Foreign Office 20 years ago. He has since served in Saudi Arabia, Jamaica, Turkey and at the United Nations in New York.

Photographs justified

The Press Council has ruled that several national newspapers were not wrong to publish pictures of two British soldiers who were killed during an IRA funeral in Belfast. The council held an inquiry following more than 30 specific complaints about *The Guardian, Daily Express, Daily Mail, The Independent, The Sun, The Star, Today, Mail On Sunday, Sunday* magazine *(News of the World)*, the *Sunday Telegraph*, and the *Sunday Mail* (Glasgow). It said publication served an important social purpose in the public interest, outweighing any offence caused.

Polling today in Kensington by-election

Tebbit joins search for elusive voters

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit canvassing in Kensington High Street yesterday on the eve of polling. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman, yesterday took his place on the by-election battlefield of Kensington where the job of finding voters in the most cosmopolitan borough in London proved as difficult as the job of evaluating the standing of the candidates.

Mr Tebbit, walking the length of Kensington High Street in search of Conservative supporters, greeted every pedestrian with the plaintiff cry, "Are you a voter here?"

The difficulty in canvassing the electorate there and the absence of any published opinion poll have combined to ensure a lacklustre campaign and nervousness about the result of the "entryphone election".

All four main parties are agreed that they have little idea of how the votes will split when the ballot boxes are opened tonight and all have encountered problems caused by a highly mobile electorate comprising large numbers of students, recent immigrants and foreign visitors, many of whom are not on the electoral register.

As many as one fifth of the electorate of 46,000 moved address last year and thousands more in the wealthy southern part of the west London constituency escaped the politican's blandishments by remaining firmly behind the locked entrances to flats and homes guarded by vigilant porters or entryphones.

In the final hours of campaigning, Mr Tebbit was joined by Mr Michael Heseltine, his fellow former member of a Thatcher cabinet, as the Conservatives sought to counter complacency among their traditional supporters in the leafy southern heartlands.

However, the Conservatives, in spite of expressions of nervousness about the result, expect their candidate, Dudley Fishburn, aged 42, a former managing editor of *The Economist*, to succeed Sir Brandon Rhys Williams. The party's 4,447 majority is expected to be cut but a victory will be further confirmation of the Government's dominant position 13 months after the general election.

Mr Fishburn has run a low key campaign emphasizing the Government's economic record, aided by the Conservatives' lead in the national opinion polls, division within Labour's ranks and continued warfare between the former colleagues in the Alliance, the Social and Liberal Democrats and the Social Democrats.

While Labour's campaign has emphasized poverty, the poll tax, housing, health, education and crime, its candidate, Mrs Ann Holmes, has been undermined by renewed controversy over defence and the perception that the party remains at odds with itself. "A good candidate pulled down by the party", was one Labour worker's sombre assessment.

Mrs Holmes, aged 41, a housing consultant, has invested much time in solidifying Labour's vote in the poorer northern part of the constituency and claiming that Conservatives worried by the effects of Thatcherism and the type of society it has created would switch to her as a worthy successor to Sir Brandon, a "wet" Conservative of the "one nation" tradition.

The SLD and SDP candidates have also been trying Sir Brandon's mantle for size but with little hope of inheriting it. The sniping and venom they have reserved for each other indicates how important the contest is to their prospects for taking over the centre ground in British politics. Gone is the heady atmosphere that infected previous SDP and Liberal by-election efforts to be replaced by a mood of dogged determination and the fear that the bitter split may have doomed prospects for a breakthrough.

For Mr William Goodhart, the SLD candidate, it is crucial to beat the SDP as anything less would be a humiliation.

Dr Owen's SDP has already hailed the campaign of its candidate, Mr John Martin, a success.

General election 1987: Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (C) 14,818; Ben Bousquet (Lab) 10,371; William Goodhart (SDP) 5,379; R F Shorter (Green) 528; L Carrick (Humanist) 65; M Hughes (Inde) 30. Majority 4,447. Electorate 48,212.

The Piper Alpha tragedy: safety protests grow; first funeral

Oil unions threaten indefinite strike

By David Sapsted and Tim Jones

Union leaders representing 20,000 North Sea oil workers will today consider calling an indefinite strike in protest against the Government's refusal to let them have copies of the report into the explosion on Piper Alpha four years ago.

Last night the Department of Energy confirmed that the report would not be released until it is given to Lord Cullen, who is to head the inquiry into the disaster and that it would be up to him to decide whether the contents of the report would be made public.

The decision was described as "outrageous" by Mr Roger Lyons, deputy general secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, which has retained a QC to represent its members and relatives of the victims at the inquiry.

Mr Lyons said: "It is a scandal that this report which may contain recommendations which could save lives is being kept from us. We need the report so that our civil engineers can prepare their evidence for the inquiry." In the explosion on the rig four years ago, four men were slightly injured and 175 were airlifted to safety.

In Aberdeen yesterday, Mr Tom Laffery, divisional organizer for the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said the workers should shut down the North Sea operation "to force the companies to face up to a situation so tragically illustrated last week".

On Monday, the MSF plans to hold an international press conference at which Mr Lars Myrhe, president of the Norwegian oil unions and a former Norwegian government inspector on the rigs, will say that, compared to the safety conditions his men enjoy, "British workers are in the dark ages".

Yesterday some of the men who resigned their jobs in the West Sole gasfield agreed to return to work after being given guarantees on safety. The decision, by about half of the 15 men, came at a meeting in Hull after union officials recommended acceptance of a package of proposals covering safety measures, union recognition and other matters.

'Brave harvesters who paid the ultimate price'

By Ruth Gledhill

A hilltop crematorium outside Aberdeen was the setting for the first funeral of the Piper Alpha disaster yesterday.

The small chapel was filled with more than 200 relatives and friends of Donald Reid, aged 44, a maintenance superintendant, one of the 166 who died.

Overcast skies and constant drizzle which fell throughout the moving, half-hour service instilled a further sense of sadness into the city awaiting news of 144 bodies still entombed in the wreck. The mourners were led by Mr Reid's wife, Linda, his children, Ian and Lesley, his grandson, Sean, and Mr William Carr, managing director of Wood Group Engineering, his employer.

The Rev Eliza Armstrong, of the Woodside Congregational Church, said: "Don and his workmates were indeed brave harvesters who paid the ultimate price demanded of so many who work on the seas. Whenever there is a harvest to be gathered, a need for something in this world, there are men and women ready and willing to face the risks in harvesting in order that the needs of society may be met."

The funeral will take place today of Mr Malcolm Storey, aged 39, a rescue craft crew member who died in an explosion which killed a fellow crew member and six oil workers. A further nine funeral and memorial services will be held throughout the North and North-east.

Surgeon calls for UK disaster team

By Ruth Gledhill and Jill Sherman

The Piper Alpha tragedy highlights the need for a national team of surgeons who could be called on at short notice, Mr Colin Rayner, consultant plastic surgeon at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, said yesterday.

The hospital would have been "very hard-pushed indeed" if he had not been by chance to a burns conference in Leicester and able to call immediately on five plastic surgeons who travelled to Aberdeen to help.

Mr Rayner said that he would like to see a national pool of plastic surgeons and other specialists in the event of future disasters as "part of disaster planning".

Of the 11 patients still in hospital, nine are comfortable, one is in a stable condition and one is "serious but stable".

There was also a call yesterday for urgent central funding to set up training courses in disaster work for social workersfrom Mr Derek Nuttall, director of the bereavement organization Cruse.

Mr Nuttall was speaking after the opening of an international conference on bereavement in London.

Mrs Janet Johnston, one of the key social workers in the Herald Assistance Unit, set up after the Zeebrugge disaster in March 1987, yesterday offered advice to the families of the 166 men who died.

"Take each day at a time, share your confusion with your families", she said.

One of the most difficult aspects about the oil rig explosion was that many of the bodies had still not been recovered.

She said it was important for families to realize that their feelings of fear, helplessness, sickness, guilt, shame, anger and loss of control were normal reactions to an abnormal situation.

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Dewsbury parents awarded costs as school dispute ends

By David Tytler, Education Editor

The parents who refused to send their children to a predominantly Asian school and instead set up their own classroom in a public house were yesterday awarded £7,000 costs after settling their year-long dispute with the council that refused them places in the schools of their choice.

At a meeting in Dewsbury on Tuesday evening the parents voted to accept the offer from Kirklees Metropolitan Council finally to let their children attend Overthorpe and Thornhill schools and not Headfield Church of England School, where 85 per cent of the children are of Asian origin.

The parents' actions against the council, accusing it of acting unlawfully, were stopped suddenly on Tuesday when the council, which may face a total legal bill of up to £100,000, finally agreed that places could be found at the two schools, where most pupils are white.

The council said, in a statement read to the court then, that the parents had shifted their ground — away from an allegation of racial manipulation of school admission limits to a claim that the authority failed to comply with its duty to publish admission arrangements.

Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC, for the parents, told the High Court in London that the parents were "deeply hurt" by suggestions that they were racially motivated, but added: "They wish to make it clear that the allegation of racial discrimination against the authority was and remained a very live issue in the proceedings and that there was no shift from such an allegation as suggested in the Kirklees statement."

In agreeing the settlement, Lord Justice Glidewell said that because of the council offer, the court had not reached any conclusions one way or the other on the parents' claims that the council was trying to create a racial mix at Headfield and abolish Christian assembly.

He added: "It is our view that the parents have succeeded in what they set out to do. Justice requires that we order costs in their favour against the council. It is the earnest hope of this court, and we confidently expect, that the children will now get on with their education free not merely of the stress of this litigation but of any tension that has arisen".

Mr Peter Allsop, a lorry driver from Ouzelwell Terrace, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, who was in court with his son Ian, aged eight, said: "Ian can now go to Overthorpe, where his brother and sister went. We just wanted the same for Ian. It's justice being done. All we wanted was parental choice."

The parents' solicitor, Mr Roger Peach, a campaigner for the pressure group Parental Alliance for Choice in Education said: "It's shown the tremendous value of parents fighting for their rights."

Mr Alan Evans, head of the education and equal opportunities department of the National Union of Teachers, said: "We deeply regret the whole sorry episode. Understandably, local NUT teachers are calling for a public inquiry".

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Hussey on satellite broadcasting

BBC2 switch spurned

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC, spoke out yesterday against the Government's proposals to transfer BBC2 to satellite and said that viewers would have to pay much more if the plan went ahead.

The plans have also been attacked by Sir Richard Attenborough, chairman of Channel 4, who said he viewed a similar idea to transmit Channel 4 by satellite with "enormous apprehension".

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced last month that the Government was considering transferring the two channels to satellite to release ground based frequencies for more commercial stations. Viewers would need a satellite dish to receive both BBC2 and Channel 4 if the scheme took place.

Mr Hussey, who was addressing parliamentary journalists at Westminster, said broadcasting, like newspapers, was about satisfying audiences and the means of transmission and printing were not the fundamental issues.

"I say that advisedly because I was rather surprised the other day when the proposal about BBC2 was made to us, to have it explained to me that was because people were not convinced there was enough room for advertisers. I do not regard that as a very sound reason for altering the means by which BBC2 is transmitted to the many millions of viewers who watch it."

He said that only £10 of the £62.50 licence fee was spent in transmitting BBC-2. "Any proposal to put it on satellite would cost a great deal more."

There was no subscription or pay-as-you-view system in the world which cost less than £150 a year.

Lord Young has indicated that the transfer to satellite would take place only if 50 per cent of viewers had the necessary receiving equipment, but Mr Hussey said yesterday that that would mean half the people could not see BBC-2. "One of the great principles we must look to when we change the broadcasting system in this country and keep to, is that as many people as possible can get all the channels and pay as little as is possible for them."

The combined criticism from Mr Hussey and Sir Richard is likely to make the Government think twice before progressing with what is seen as a highly risky proposal. It has been suggested recently that ministers are already cooling towards the plan, having realized the practical obstacles.

Looking ahead to the broadcasting explosion which is about to take place, Mr Hussey predicted a big battle for viewers between British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB), the £625 million venture scheduled to start broadcasting late next year, and Astra, which will carry Mr Rupert Murdoch's four Sky Television channels from early 1989. He estimated that by 1994 BSB and Astra would have 8 per cent of British viewers between them, yet their own figures showed they would not make a profit unless they both took 8 per cent of the market. "They are clearly going to fight very hard against each other", Mr Hussey said.

The BBC would, given the big changes in the broadcasting landscape, want to see how the new services developed, and he suggested that 1994 would be the right time to reexamine the position of the BBC in the market "when we see what the market actually is".

Mr Hussey also said that extra channels and more competition would not necessarily lead to lower advertising costs. It may lead to lower advertising rates.

● The BBC has appointed Mr Michael Jackson, aged 30, as editor of a new nightly arts review programme to be launched on BBC-2 in the New Year. He joined the BBC's music and arts department last year after editing Channel 4's *The Media Show*.

Mr Clive James is to host a new Friday night discussion forum scheduled to start in the autumn.

Rosy outlook for cable TV

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Britain's fledgling cable TV network looks set for an unprecedented boom with investors from the United States wanting to put up to £500 million into the industry.

The glowing prospects for cable TV, which has been very slow in getting started in Britain, were highlighted yesterday in the annual reports of the Cable Authority and by upbeat remarks made by Mr Jon Davey, the authority's director-general.

"Extremely large sums of money — between £250 million and £500 million — are in prospect at the moment from North America, but there are still a lot of people who are hesitant because of the foreign control restrictions. If they were removed it would make life a lot easier for them and for us", Mr Davey said.

Existing legislation prevents overseas investors having control of British-based cable ventures, but Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, who is responsible for broadcasting, hinted strongly in May that the Government was considering the case for relaxing those restrictions.

North American investors are anxious to support the British cable industry because in both the United States and Canada the industry has reached saturation point. Cable franchises are exchanging hands for up to $2,500 per subscriber.

Mr Richard Burton, chairman of the Cable Authority, said in the foreword to yesterday's annual report that the prospect for securing the installation of cable in a major way were stronger than ever. "Most of the current interest is based on North American investment. It comes from groups who know and understand cable better than do investors in the United Kingdom, who are still slow to recognize and seize the opportunities."

The present restrictions on foreign control of cable operations were an inhibition on North American investment and were "unnecessary and anomalous". Their removal was as important as ever, he said. Twenty-three franchises have been awarded in Britain since 1983, only 10 of which are operating. Just under 45,000 homes are connected. That compares with 22,000 a year ago. The average subscription is £17.86p a month.

House price boom 'may be ending'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices, particularly in London and the South-east, could stabilize or even fall in real terms because first-time buyers are finding it increasingly difficult to afford to step onto the housing ladder, the First Time Home Buyers' Advisory Service said yesterday.

Although prices at the top of the market continue to astonish the estate agents who are selling them — with five houses in Kensington, west London, each bought for more than £1 million in recent weeks — there are signs that the boom could soon end.

Ms Jane Tait, head of the advisory service, said the expected rise in mortgage interest rates of about 1 per cent and the ending on August 1 of multiple mortgage tax relief "could be the factors which tip the scales". The former will add about £30 a month to the cost of a £50,000 mortgage, the latter will affect first-time buyers who have been clubbing together to buy.

Speculating whether the house price bubble was about to burst, she said there had been a 50 per cent drop in inquiries to her office, since it is becoming too late to buy by August 1. However, the big building societies, including the Halifax and Nationwide Anglia, expect prices to continue to rise, albeit at a lower level than the 25 per cent in London and the South-east last year.

● A mystery landowner, angry because his own son could not afford to buy a house in Norfolk, has set up a plan to give 400 young couples the chance to buy cut-price homes.

Secret discussions are under way with the landowner, who is prepared to sell a 28-acre site near North Walsham, Norfolk, for £10,000 a plot, compared with a market rate of between £25,000 and £30,000 a plot.

● A Conservative MP yesterday claimed the broad support of 170 colleagues for a plan to bring more than 200,000 acres of derelict, publicly-owned urban land back into productive use.

Mr Anthony Steen, MP for South Hams in Devon, said his plan could mean that no new green field sites would have to be built on for housing in the congested South-east and it would curtail spiralling house prices.

Gulliver ends his travels in Dublin

A 70ft model of Jonathan Swift's Gulliver rests on Dollymount Strand in Dublin before being ceremonially hauled ashore yesterday by members of the Galway-based theatre group Macnas. The model, made of glass fibre, aluminium and plywood, will be the focus of several festival events this week and will lead a theatrical parade down the Irish capital's O'Connell Street on Saturday. The figure took four months to build and was moved to Dublin on Sunday.

Four guilty in child sex ring

Police and social workers learnt from mistakes in Cleveland when they launched a joint operation to investigate a suspected child sex abuse ring operated by parents in a Cheshire town, it was disclosed yesterday.

"Operation Dual Control" was launched after a child told social workers of incidents on a council estate at Congleton, Chester Crown Court was told.

Nineteen people were arrested and 17 children were taken into care after 95 police officers and 50 social workers were assigned to the month-long inquiry.

The children, all aged under 12, were examined for only one hour and a second medical opinion was given immediately. A woman police officer and a social worker were assigned to each case. Seven children were returned home within 24 hours and place of safety orders were obtained for the remainder only after a senior magistrate had spent several hours reviewing each case.

Mr Michael Sawyer, head of Congleton social services section, said the inquiry team had known from the outset of the impact it was likely to have after the Cleveland child sex abuse affair. To prevent a recurrence, only those children known to be at risk were subjected to place of safety orders.

Details of the operation were disclosed at the end of two trials yesterday. In the first, a man aged 39 was found guilty of raping his daughter, aged five, and of an offence against his son, aged three.

Mr Maurice Kaye, QC, told Mr Justice Alliott that the girl had been held down by her mother, aged 46, while she was raped by her father.

In the second trial, a man aged 43 was found guilty of indecently assaulting his daughter, aged five, and son, aged nine, and indecently assaulting the son, aged five, and stepson, aged seven, of his neighbour and co-defendant.

The neighbour, aged 48, was found guilty of offences against his stepson and attempted offences against his son. The defendants, who admitted aiding and abetting rape, will be sentenced in two weeks.

Portfolio PLUS NEW *Accumulator*

Kwai survivor wins

Yesterday's daily Portfoilio prize of £4,000 was shared between three winners.

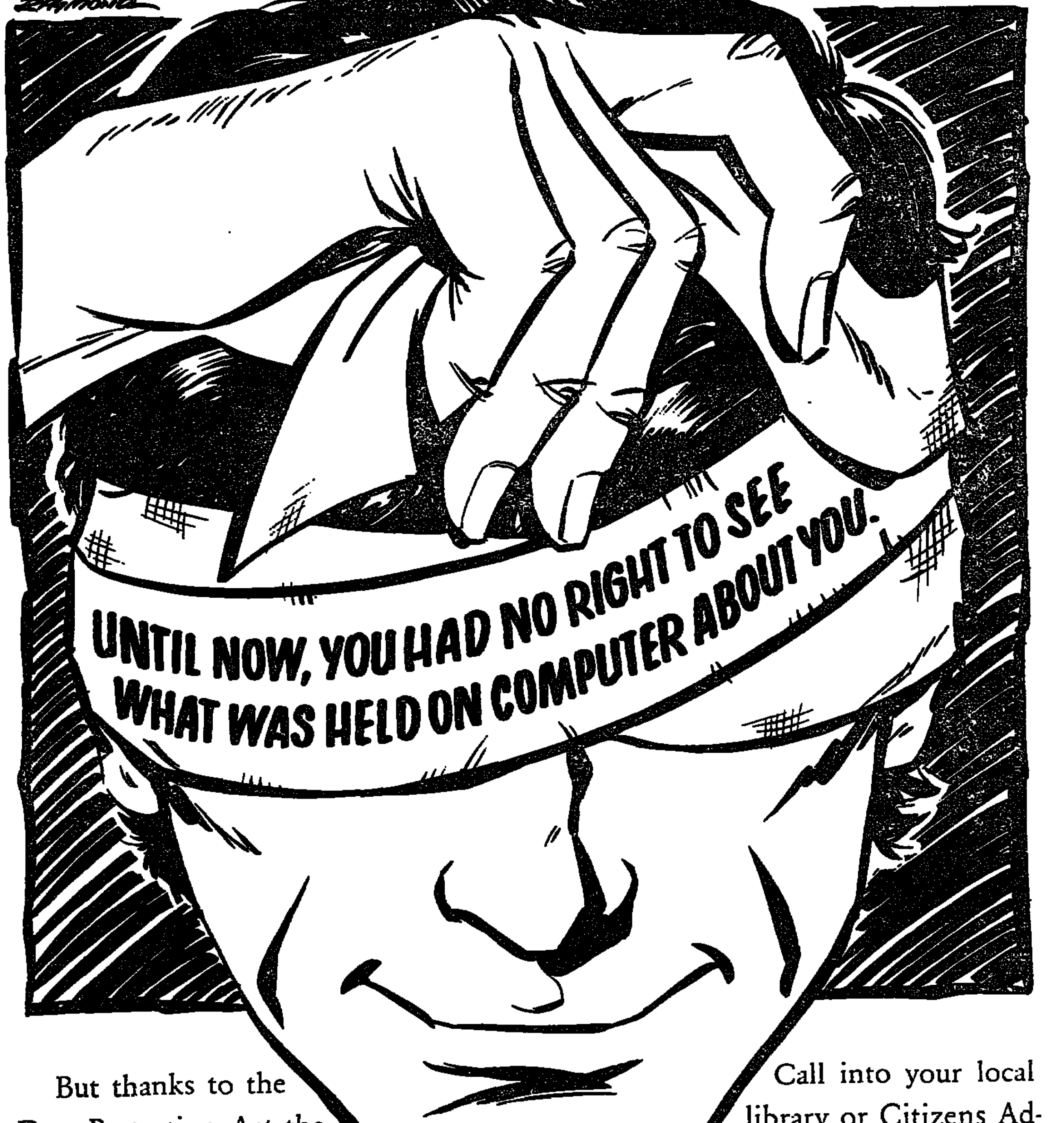
Mr Gilbert Coltart, aged 83, from Lindfield, West Sussex a retired solicitor said: "I am absolutely delighted, although I haven't yet decided how I will use the money. But it will help balance three years of hardship on the River Kwai."

Mr Coltart was held in the infamous prisoner of war camp following the Japanese invasion of Singapore in 1942. "I am only one of many," he said, "but the great thing was to survive. They were tough times and the money will provide some recompense."

Mr Eddie Herring, a retired Civil Servant, aged 63, is in the process of moving house. He and his wife leave their home of 15 years at New Ash Green, Kent, tomorrow.

He said: "Both our daughters live in Essex and we will be moving near them. There will be lots of things that we wish to buy for our new house."

Mr David Safin, aged 37, a sound recording engineer from Palmers Green, north London, will use the money for house renovations.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MARRE REPORT ON FUTURE OF LEGAL PROFESSION

Solicitors win their case for crown court rights

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs
Correspondent

THE REPORT'S MAIN POINTS

- Solicitors should be eligible for appointment as High Court judges; and have audience rights for all crown court cases.
- The dissenters: why solicitors should not have new rights of audience in Crown Court.
- Disturbing deficiences in the standard of some law students.
- The conveyancing market: concern over financial institutions' possible moves.
- Legal profession may not provide uneconomic services.
- Big law firms get bigger and London's fees are biggest.

Solicitors should be eligible for appointment as High Court judges, the Marre Committee says in its report. A majority on the committee adds that approved solicitors should have extended rights of audience for all cases in the crown court.

Each circuit would have an advisory board to recommend which solicitors reach the right standard for audience in the crown court. The board should inform the Law Society who should be licensed to appear and should have the right to notify it which *licences should* be withdrawn.

A right of audience entitles a person to address a court of law or tribunal on his own behalf or on behalf of another, other than as a witness. A barrister in private practice has a right of audience before all courts, a solicitor's rights of audience are more limited.

The Law Society, on behalf of solicitors, argues for increased rights of audience, whereas the General Council of the Bar, on behalf of barristers, believes that no change should be made in the present arrangements.

The report says that after weighing the views of the Law Society and the Bar Council and bearing in mind the attitude of the Government to competition and restrictive practices, the majority on the committee concluded there should be some extension of solicitors' rights of audience in the crown court and it would be in the public interest to extend them to all cases.

The view of the majority was that the time had come for the equivalent of a licensing system for solicitors doing advocacy work *in the crown court.*

They suggest that a rights of audience advisory board might consist of the presiding judge, the circuit judge from the county court, two other judges, two barristers, two solicitors, a legally qualified magistrates' clerk and and a stipendiary magistrate.

The report says: "The majority of us believe that this requirement to demonstrate competence should remove any reservations which might be felt by the judges to the extension of solicitors' rights of audience in the crown court."

Two of the solicitor members, however, felt that such an advisory board would introduce *another level of* restriction on what was otherwise proposed as a liberalization of the current restrictive practice and were, therefore, not able to support the view of the majority on that point.

The committee did consider whether to recommend similar tests of competence for barristers but decided it would not be appropriate.

Barristers are trained and tested as advocates during their education and pupillage and their performance is monitored by the solicitors who instruct them.

The committee urges judges to take a "close and active" interest in the competence of all advocates appearing in the courts and to *report any individual acts of* incompetence to the appropriate professional body, or rights of audience advisory board. Action should then be taken by the Bar Council or the Law Society in appropriate cases.

The committee recommends that members of specialist professions other than solicitors should be allowed direct access to counsel. The present rule means that normally a practising barrister must not meet or advise a client except through the introduction, and in the *presence*, of a solicitor.

The Bar Council is considering whether professional clients who are not solicitors should be able to instruct counsel direct. The Law Society agrees, but goes even further and says that any member of the public should be entitled to have direct access to counsel if safeguards are introduced.

The committee recommends that where counsel is instructed by a professional client, other than a solicitor, he should be entitled to negotiate fees for work done direct with the professional client.

The Bar Council and the Law Society should explore the practicalities of promoting an amendment of the law to enable barristers to enter into contractual relationships with solicitors and/or lay clients and sue for non-payment of fees.

Employed barristers who have completed their pupillages should have the same rights of audience in the magistrates' court and the county court as are enjoyed by employed solicitors.

Employed barristers should have *direct* access *on behalf* of their employers to practising barristers. Rights of audience in the crown court should not, at present, be extended to lawyers employed by the Crown Prosecution Service.

A barrister employed at a law centre should, where the centre is organized on appropriate lines, be able to work there whether a solicitor is employed there or not; such a barrister should have direct access to counsel and be able to appear in court for clients of the law centre.

Employed barristers and solicitors, *other than those with the* Crown Prosecution Service, who have been licensed by the rights of audience advisory board, should be able to appear if their employers face prosecution in the crown court.

There should be no change in the present rule, which gives an advocate — barrister or solicitor — immunity from an action for negligence in respect of the conduct and management of a case in court.

The practice of many sets of chambers in negotiating new contracts with their clerks on the basis of a salary with an incentive to reward effort and efficiency should be adopted by all sets of chambers.

"Although many barristers' clerks give dedicated service to their chambers, the dominant role which some clerks *can play* in the management of work within chambers does not, or may not, allow barristers to make the best use of their qualifications, expertise and resources, nor may it promote the efficient conduct of business between barristers and solicitors".

As far as the committee is aware, the system of barristers' clerks does not exist in any other country. In particular, there is no requirement for a barrister's clerk in Scotland or Northern Ireland.

"We question therefore whether it should be compulsory for a barrister in *England* and Wales to employ a clerk if his or her practice can be otherwise efficiently organized'.'

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LEGAL AID

Stiffer action call to make big-time criminals pay toward defence costs

Tougher action to prevent criminals with enough money from avoiding payment towards the cost of their defence is proposed by *the* committee.

The truthfulness of legal aid applications should be monitored more rigorously to ensure that those convicted criminals who can afford it should contribute towards the cost of their defences, the report says.

"*Power should be given to the* sentencing court to order substantial contributions where it appears that a full statement in respect of means has not been made on application."

The report says that the means test in criminal cases is relatively simple and allows the courts to make most decisions on legal aid applications within a week.

"Rather to the surprise of some of us, the majority of criminal defendants come within the 'free' limit and contributions are ordered in less than 3 per cent of cases."

The committee trusts that the new Legal Aid Board will be able to act so that satisfactory legal services will be provided to people of poor or moderate means.

A departmental select committee of the House of Commons *should be given the job of mon*itoring the future administration of the legal aid system and the provision of public funding for legal services, reporting annually to Parliament.

The freedom of choice of legally aided clients should not be re*stricted*. Clients should be able to choose whether to consult a solicitor or an advice agency. Assistance by way of representation by either a solicitor or representative of an advice agency should be available before all tribunals.

Legal aid should be available for petitioners to the Court of Justice of the European Community and to the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

The Committee on the Future of the Legal Profession was appointed by the Bar Council and by the Law Society, to which it reports back. Membership consisted of six practising barristers, six practising solicitors and six independent members with an independent chairman, Lady Marre.

The independent members are: Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, Mrs Lisa Parkinson, Mr Maurice Stonefrost, Mr John Warne, Professor David *Williams and Mr Michael Wolfe*.

The barristers are: Lord Alexander, QC, Mr William Blackburne, QC, Miss Anna Guggenheim, Mr Igor Judge, QC, Mr Peter Leaver, QC and Mr Mark Potter, QC (until May 1988, now Mr Justice Potter).

The solicitors are: Mr John Aucott, Miss Gillian Babington-Browne, Sir Derek Bradbeer, Mr Richard Gaskell, Mr Richard Harvey and Mr Anthony Holland.

Others who served during the two years since the committee was set up were: Mr Marcel Berlins, Mr Martin Bowley, QC, Mr David Cocks, QC, and Sir Alan Leslie.

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The duty solicitor scheme should be seen as a preparation for, rather than an alternative to, the granting of legal aid. Procedural changes should be made to ensure that duty solicitors are available to provide representation for defendants appearing for non-payment of rates or fines.

Remuneration in London and big city areas should reflect the increased costa of practice there.

The report says that as a result of the Legal Aid Bill there is a possibility that, in future advice on such matters as welfare benefits, housing and employment will be put out to competitive tender and advice centres may compete with solicitors for the work.

"We have concluded that the role of law centres and other advice agencies should be expanded and supported, particularly by increased funding". The new Legal Aid Board should consider national funding for them to give legal advice and assistance.

Legal expenses insurance should be encouraged as a means of obtaining financial assistance for those members of the public who are not eligible for legal aid to *enable them to seek justice.*

There are now a number of companies in the legal expenses insurance market. The cost of individual policies is between £50 and £80 a year, depending on the cover offered.

The report says that policies should provide that the insured should always have a free choice of solicitor.

On contingency fees, the report says they should not be introduced now but should be further researched and discussed.

● *The committee issues a warning* that, in an increasingly competitive climate, the legal profession may become unwilling to provide uneconomic services.

"Governments which extol the virtues of a competition culture must not be surprised if those who provide *skilled* and complex services decline to do so as a charitable activity."

As pressures grow, professional people may become less willing to devote time to unremunerative activities, for example to badly paid legal aid or charitable work.

The report also concludes that, because lawyers have overriding duties to the rule of law, to their clients and to the court, commercial considerations cannot be paramount when considering the future supply of legal services.

The committee concludes that if the legal profession and the professions generally do not initiate appropriate change then it will be forced upon them.

Case for reforms: Lady Marre, introducing the report on the future of the legal profession yesterday, with Lord Alexander, QC, who added a dissenting note. She was a member of the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on legal aid in 1975-80, and was chairman of the London Voluntary Service Council and the Volunteer Centre in the 1960s (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

DISSENTERS

Audience rights extension criticized

A dissenting group of six on the Marre Committee says that any further extension of rights of audience to solicitors in the crown court would be against the public interest.

"We disagree with with the majority view that solicitors who have been 'licensed' for the purpose should have rights of audience in all cases in the crown court."

The six say that many barristers appear in crown courts in different parts of the country. That gives them wider experience and greater perspective.

Solicitor advocates would be less likely to develop practices which would take them into different crown courts.

No barrister can continue in practice without the support of a significant number of solicitors. Without a regular supply of briefs he will not survive at the Bar.

His performance as an advocate is under constant scrutiny, not only by the solicitor who happens to be *instructing him but* also by other solicitors who happen to be in the crown court at the same time.

By contrast, when a solicitor appears as an advocate the client provides the only effective scrutiny of his ability.

"A solicitor can stop briefing a barrister of whose competence he is doubtful. He is unlikely to stop briefing himself or one of his partners. From the point of view of the client this is not a 'choice' at all."

The dissenting note adds: "It is sometimes said that the Bar should compete with solicitors for other work on merit. This is simplistic, since it ignores the fact that barristers may not accept instructions direct from the public ..."

The six are: Lady Elizabeth Cavendish; Lord Alexander, QC; Mr William Blackburne, QC; Miss Anna Guggenheim; Mr Igor Judge, QC; and Mr Peter Leaver, QC.

TRAINING AND CONVEYANCING

Deficiency of standards in students 'disturbing'

Deficiences in the standard of some law students are disturbing, the Marre Committee says.

There was clear evidence from both the College of Law and the *Council of Legal* Education *that* some students arriving at the vocational schools displayed:

- Lack of ability in oral expression;
- Gaps in comprehensive knowledge of the core subjects;
- Insufficient ability to present clear and concise written arguments; and
- Inability to undertake independent legal research.

The committee concluded that those responsible for teaching law at the universities should be made aware of the causes of concern and should make concerted efforts to meet the deficiences.

Though only a minority of students were disadvantaged, the findings were disturbing. "We are also conscious that some of the inadequacies reported may result from deficiences in the educational system at the primary or secondary school stage".

The Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on legal education should be replaced by a joint legal education council, which should function as a vigorous standing committee, providing regular reports to the profession.

Within the council, the profession should consider the possibility of a joint system of vocational training and how best to encourage lawyers to undergo continuing education.

The report says the method of entry to the profession should continue to be by law degree. There is no practical alternative to pupillage for practical training at the Bar and the system of articles is the best method of providing practical training for solicitors.

Local education authority grants, for both tuition and maintenance, should be made available on a mandatory basis, for non-law graduates undertaking either the Bar's diploma course or the Law Society's common professional examination course.

Grants to non-law graduates are provided at the discretion of the local education authority. The committee received evidence that, as far as students undertaking the Common Professional Examination at the College of Law, Lancaster Gate, in 1986/87 were concerned, only 32 per cent received any tuition grants and only 19 per cent got full tuition grants. None received full maintenance and tuition grants.

The picture was confirmed for CPE students around the country by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Service, which indicates that only *15* per cent of local authorities award grants for the CPE course.

BAR STATISTICS

Increase in barristers

The average increase in the number of barristers between 1978 and 1985 over the preceding 10 year period was 63 per cent.

In 1977, the number of women practising at the Bar was 336, or 8 per cent *of the total. By 1987*, the figure had increased to 572, 14 per cent of the total practising Bar.

The report refers to the increasing dominance of London and the South-east. In 1985-86 the gross fees (before expenses) earned by each solicitor in London were £73,000, in the north £48,000 and in the south £53,000.

Between 1984 and 1986 the number of firms with more than 11 partners increased by 8 per cent and the number of principals in those firms increased by 12 per cent.

	1979	1987
Sets of Chambers		
London	197	227
Provinces	109	114
Total	306	341
Practising Barristers		
London	2,894	3,977
Provinces	1,182	1,665
Total	4,076	5,642

BAR REACTION

Reforms a challenge to profession

By Robert Johnson, QC, chairman of the Bar of England and Wales

The Marre report adds valuably to the work of the 1979 Royal Commission on Legal Services. Many of its recommendations ought to be enthusiastically adopted by the Government and the professions, especially on legal aid and *education and training.*

I particularly welcome the recommendation for mandatory grants for training for the Bar at the Council of Legal Education. The committee's view is that absence of mandatory grants means that lawyers do not come from as wide a social background as possible and that many able men and women are lost to the legal profession.

The committee has also recognized the damage to the health of the legal profession, including *its* ability to modernize and equip itself, if publicly funded fees are kept too low. In all these areas I welcome unreservedly the work done by Lady Marre and her committee.

The Bar supports the committee's endorsement of self-regulation which has two key virtues: first, the active involvement of practitioners who have first-hand experience of the issues; secondly, the sense of commitment which arises from the responsibility for the implementation of professional standards which have developed voluntarily.

The committee found no evidence to suggest that the regulation of pro*fessional conduct by the state* was *likely* to be more efficient than self-regulation and says: "At the end of the day, the independence and integrity of the individual barrister or solicitor, determined to place the interest of justice before expediency, is the citizen's best safeguard against tyranny whether by the state or by powerful private interest."

Like the Royal Commission, the committee concludes that there is no public benefit in fusing the two branches of the profession. It sees no contribution to a more effective, more accessible or cheaper service to the public by going down that road.The committee was invited to report back to the Bar Council and the Law Society *with recommenda*tions on how and by whom areas of possible change might be examined further. Accordingly, there are some issues on which it has sensibly decided to express no conclusions.

There are other areas in which work is already being done. The difficult matter of contingency fees, which Marre recommends as a subject for further study and discussion, is being examined by a working group established by the Law Reform Committee of the Bar Council.

The Bar has moved a long way towards permitting direct access to counsel by other professions, which I am pleased to see the Marre report endorses. This should improve our service to the public. In these and other areas the Benson Royal Commission report, the Marre report and the recent Civil Justice Review together point the way for the future improvement of legal services in this country. It is up to the legal profession to meet the challenge of adapting as fast as it can to the rapid changes in our society.

The Marre recommendation to extend *solicitors' rights of audience to all* types of crown court case will result in exactly what the committee apparently wishes to avoid: the erosion of a healthy, independent Bar.

SOLICITORS' REACTION

Era of expertise to replace monopoly

By Robin Smith, member, Council of the Law Society

The Marre committee report has as its title *A Time For Change*. That could not be more appropriate for the solicitors' profession in the late 1980s.

In the past 10 years competitive forces have shaped both the relations we have with our clients, the scale of our practices (mergers and amalgamations seem to take place on a weekly basis) and the future we see for ourselves.

We see that future lying in the provision of high-quality legal services both to individuals and to businesses, responding to customer demand, retaining high ethical standards and based on efficient and economical use of technology and of training personnel.

We no longer have an exclusive monopoly over one of our large areas of business: conveyancing. We have abandoned traditional restraints on advertising and have just liberalized our professional rules on work introduced by *third parties. Subject to the necessary* safeguards for the consumer by and large we prefer to stand on our expertise and on demand for our services rather than any professional monopoly.

It is significant that in our fastest growing sector of work — legal advice to commercial enterprises — there is no monopoly.. As one of the best equipped professions in Europe we are looking forward to the opportunities that 1992 will offer, as well as to the service and support we can offer the UK and international business community.

Nor can we afford to stand still at home. Our greatest asset is our trained manpower and we are runing short of supply. Over the next 10 years there will be intense competition for school leavers and graduates. We must make a career in the law intellectually fulfilling and reasonably rewarding financially.

To do that we welcome the review of the profession's training needs the committee has undertaken with its emphasis on client communication, the teaching of practical skills, continuing education and post-qualification *specialization.*

It is against this background that the committee was asked to redefine the boundaries of our work and that of barristers. The Law Society's attitude has been that in these areas consumer preference should dictate the future market for legal services.

If it is cheaper and more efficient for solicitors to appeal in the higher courts (and if the client so wishes) then this should be permitted. If, as the Bar has often pointed out, there are economies in specialist low overhead advocacy practices, then the work will naturally gravitate to them, whether they be solicitors or barristers.

The committee has suggested putting the licensing of solicitors for crown court work into the hands of local advisory boards composed of judges, magistrates and other lawyers.

It is not proposed that barristers should have to submit themselves to this advisory board before being allowed to practise in the crown court yet there are certainly some barristers who do not undertake, and probably never should undertake, crown court work. We shall want to consider this advisory board proposal carefully with the Lord Chancellor and with the representatives of the judges.

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MPs criticize high costs and delays in Trident programme

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A leading Commons committee expressed "dismay and concern" yesterday at huge cost and time overruns in the construction of nuclear warhead production facilities for Trident.

The all-party public accounts committee said warhead production was "a major risk area" in the whole £9 billion Trident programme.

The MPs said they were also not convinced that the Ministry of Defence had solved serious specialist staff recruitment problems at the Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment.

And they were sceptical of the ministry's claims that past problems would not mean Trident coming into service late.

Meeting the production deadlines now meant using existing as well as new facilities at Aldermaston. "There is clearly some risk of breakdown and we are concerned at the extent of reliance on the use of ageing facilities which need to be replaced," they said in a report.

The committee also rebuked ministers for allowing construction to start on new Trident facilities in 1982 before it was known exactly what was needed. They were warned in writing of the risks involved, but went ahead to avoid delays to the overall programme.

In the event, design changes had to be made and the result was even greater delay and cost escalation.

The report says that the cost of 32 separate construction projects at Aldermaston, many critical to Trident, was originally estimated at £578 million but rose to between £836 million and £1.06 billion by 1986.

"We are dismayed and concerned at the lack of control of the size and cost of this programme", the committee said.

Noting that the use of existing as well as new warhead production facilities for Trident would mean an additional staff requirement of up to 200 people, the report refers to past specialist recruitment difficulties, says ministers should have addressed the problems earlier, and concludes: "We are not convinced that the staff recruitment problem [at Aldermaston] has been solved."

Elsewhere in the report, the committee expresses concern at the real cost increase of £360 million since 1981 in the £945 million Trident building works programme for 100 projects at Faslane, Coulport and Rosyth. It is also disappointed that less than 50 per cent of Trident contracts in the UK have been issued on a competitive basis.

However, it says that in general, financial control and project management on the main Trident programme appear to be operating effectively.

The report criticizes the waste and serious delay caused by the cancellation of the original contract for central command and control systems for the new Type-23 frigates.

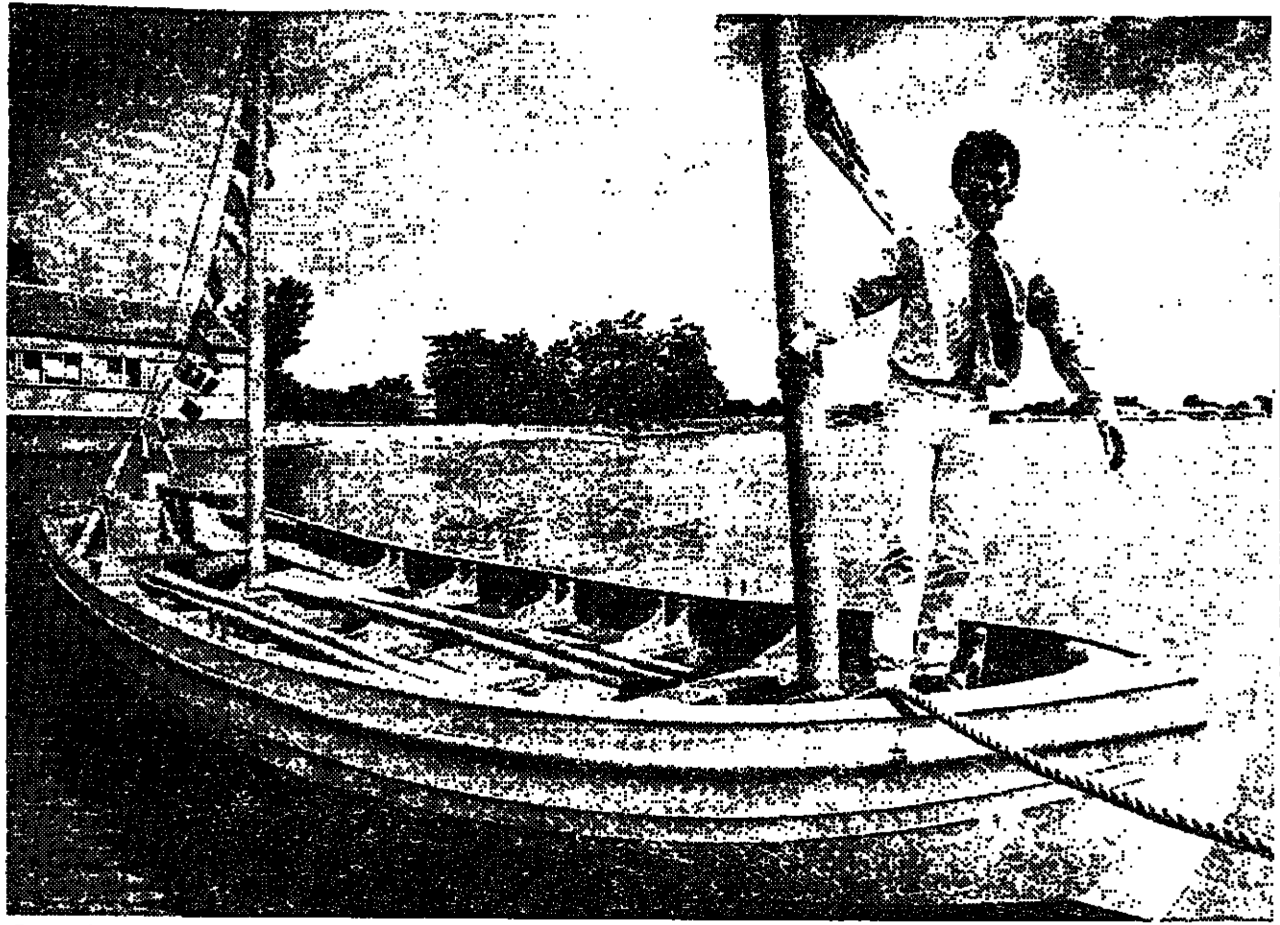
It also warns the ministry of the dangers of not giving warship builders a better idea of its likely forward programme.

The MoD, in order to avoid increasing costs, had to develop a long-term strategy reconciling the viability of the industry with its desire for competition.

The committee also reported the ministry's hope that Marconi's monopoly on torpedo-building in Britain might be challenged.

Public Accounts Committee: Naval Warship and Weapons Procurement (Stationery Office; £5.70).

In the wake of Captain Bligh



Jasper Shackleton on the Elizabeth Bligh yesterday after its launch at Gosport, Hampshire (Photograph: Graham Wood)

By Ronald Faux

Seven sailors are to attempt to repeat the 3,600 mile voyage across the Pacific made by Captain William Bligh after the mutiny on HMS Bounty in 1789, using a replica of the the launch in which he was put adrift.

The voyage will begin next spring on the 200th anniversary of the mutiny, with Mr. Jasper Shackleton, aged 30, a furniture designer and sailing enthusiast from Liss, Hampshire, taking the role of Bligh.

Selection of a crew, to include a doctor and navigator familiar with a sextant, will take place later this year. The cost of the project is estimated at £175,000 and will be funded by voluntary contributions.

The boat, which has been built at Gosport, Hampshire, and was launched yesterday, is named the Elizabeth Bligh after the captain's wife. It is 23ft long, 6ft 9in on the beam and lugger-rigged to sail down the brisk easterly trades that carried Bligh from Tofua in the Tongan islands to Timor in Indonesia in 42 days.

Mr Shackleton, who is chairman of the William Bligh Trust, said: "It will be a simple tribute to his voyage. We do not expect to starve or to be met by unfriendly natives as he did and was. There could be some quite dangerous moments."

City uses power of the rocks

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Southampton became the first city in Britain yesterday to use water from hot underground rocks as a source of alternative energy. Scalding water pumped from a depth of 5,000ft is fed into a district heating scheme supplying power to city-centre buildings.

Brine heated to 76C is brought to the surface from an underground aquifer known as the Hampshire Basin, formed millions of years ago.

Harty libel

Jamie Wilson, a student, has received undisclosed damages and costs from the *News of the World* and the *Sunday Mirror* which falsely accused him of a homosexual relationship with the late television presenter Mr Russell Harty, the High Court heard yesterday.

Animal award

London Zoo yesterday received an award from the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare for a dwarf mongoose exhibit which enables the animals to live a virtual normal life in conditions close to those of their desert environment.

Mr Marius Goring

At the actors' union Equity's council meeting on July 5, Mr Marius Goring tabled a motion urging that the cultural boycott on South Africa be lifted.

Great Yorkshire Show

Famous Charolais reigns supreme

One of the Charolais breed's famous sires, Fleets Vibrant, which is jointly owned by the breed's immediate past president, Mrs Patricia Ogden, of Carnforth, Lancashire, and Chamley Farm of Guildford, Surrey, won the Supreme Beef title at the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate yesterday.

Vibrant, bred in Yorkshire, took top breed honours at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh last week. It will be leaving shortly for the United States, having just been sold to Mr Forrest Ingram, of Alabama, for an undisclosed five-figure sum.

The reserve supreme beef animal was the British Limousin Alnwick Halcliffe Rembrant, a senior bull owned by R G Oates of Alnwick, Northumberland.

The inter breed beef team award was won by the Galloway breed which captured the prize for the first time in 15 years. The reserve was the British Limousin team.

The Inter Breed Dairy Championship went to the British Friesian Champion cow-in-milk Holmeland Ruby 90, owned by Henry Bell and Son, Carnforth, Lancashire. The Holstein Champion Logie Brae Warden Joanne, owned by Alex Hodge Ltd., was reserve.

Although the show started its second day in torrential rain the midday attendance was down by less than 2 per cent.

BEEF CATTLE. – Inter Breed Beef Team Award. Champion: Galloway team: reserve: British Limousin. Inter Breed Dairy Team Award. Champion: British Friesian: reserve: Ayrshires. Individual Dairy Inter Breed Title. Champion: British Friesian: Holmeland Ruby 90, owners H Bell and Sons: reserve: Ayrshire: Logie Brae Warden Joanne, owners Alex Hodge Ltd.

Supreme Beef Award. Champion: Fleets Vibrant, owners Mrs Patricia Ogden and Chamley Farms: reserve: British Limousin Halcliffe Rembrant, owner R G Oates. Beef Recorded Bulls. Champion: Hereford Breed: Longdale Dominion, owner G R Hullock: reserve: Blonde d'Aquitaine Stockfield Commando, owners E Teller & Sons.

SHEEP. – Champion: Terminal Sire: Suffolk Ram Lamb, owners J Walton & Son: reserve: Oxford Down Shearling, owners A Harper & Son.

PIG OF THE YEAR. – Champion: Large Black Sow: Attleborough Breckles Fashion Second, owner P E Churchyard: reserve: Welsh Sow: Netherton Sally 56, owners R A & J M Smith. Inter Breed Pig Championship. Champion. Large White Sow: Poplar Burn Greta 20, owners A Gregory & Son: reserve: Large Black Sow: Attleborough Breckles Fashion Second, owner P E Churchyard.

CHAMPIONSHIPS. – Horses: Heavy Horse Turn-out. Champion: Shire Bay Gelding, owners Coalite Group: reserve: Clydesdale Bay Gelding, owner T C Brewster. Best Turn-out. Champion: Shire Black Gelding, owner A A Ross: reserve: Clydesdale Bay Gelding, owners T & C Brewster. Hunters Riding. Champion. Private Eye, owner Mrs J Dewar: reserve: Skibbereen, owner Mrs N J Turner. Arab.Champion: Mrs J F D Shrimplingham: reserve: Mr and Mrs R Taylor.

Commercial beef: Champion: Angus Cross, owners F M Westaby & Son: reserve: Angus Cross, owner H R Verity.

Sheep: Hampshire Downs. Champion: Ewe lamb born after December, 1987, owner D L Gardiner: reserve: Ram lamb, owner D L Gardiner. Oxford Down. Champion: Shearling Ram, owners A Harper & Sons: reserve: Ram lamb, owners (Kirkwood & Riby).

British Charollais. Champion: Shearling Ram, owner D L Gardiner: reserve. Shearling Ewe, owners J H C Campbell & Sons. Black-faced. Champion: Shearling Gimmer, owner R T Dent: reserve: Shearling Ram, owner R T Dent). North Country Cheviot. Champion: Ewe that has reared a lamb in 1988, owner G R Chapman: reserve: Ram lamb, owner Mrs J Pepper.

Derbyshire Gritstone. Champion: Shearling Ram, owner D R Eggleton: reserve: Shearling Ewe, owner N Gill. Jacob. Champion: Ewe that has reared a lamb, owners Mr and Mrs J D Dodsworth: reserve: Ewe, owner P A Rudd. Masham. Champion: Pen of two Shearling Gimmers, owner A Peel: reserve: Pen of two Shearling Gimmers, owner J Ripley.

£770,000 Fuseli sold for triple its estimate

SALEROOM

By Jenny Gilbert

A large painting by Johann Heinrich Fuseli, lost to scholars since the beginning of the century, sold for £770,000 at Sotheby's London yesterday, almost tripling its estimate.

So rarely does a Fuseli come to auction that Sotheby's was unable to discover any previous sales of the Swiss-born artist in its records at all.

Entitled "Satan Starting from the Touch of Ithuriel's Lance", the painting illustrates a scene from Milton's "Paradise Lost" with a devil surprised in the act of creeping up on a sleeping Adam and Eve.

Horace Walpole referred to it as "extravagant and ridiculous" but the artist was apparently undeterred and used the same composition for an even bigger picture (13ft x 12ft), which is now untraced.

In the same sale of British paintings, an important oil sketch by Constable depicting one of the artist's favourite views – over Dedham Vale in Suffolk – went to the New York dealer Salander O'Reilly for £209,000 (estimate £100,000-£150,000).

The work was first sold by the artist's son, Lionel, in 1877 for 60 guineas and was auctioned in 1959 for 9,000 guineas.

A Samuel Scott (estimate £60,000-£80,000) fetched £165,000, paid by the London dealer Lane Fine Art, setting a record for the artist.

The detailed shipping scene features the Thames at Rotherhithe in the 1750s with St Paul's Cathedral and St Saviour's Dock, Bermondsey, in the distance.

Yesterday's bi-annual Golf Sale, held by Phillips in Chester, made a record total in a saleroom packed with enthusiasts.

It was an American who paid the top price of £14,300 for a medal commemorating the winner of the 1887 Open Championship. Another item, a volume titled *The Historical Gossip About Golf and Golfers* (Edinburgh, 1863), went for £9,240 to a private buyer.

Early 19th-century golf balls – filled with tightly packed feathers and now rare owing to a tendency to explode on impact – fetched up to £2,700.

Christie's sale of Decorative Arts from 1880 to the present day went patchily with over a third unsold. This was consistent with recent form, which suggests that dealers, particularly in the Art Deco and Arts and Crafts styles, are beginning to pull in their horns.

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Britain to give lead with dismantling of nuclear power plant

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Britain is to become the first country in the world to dismantle a commercial nuclear power station with the start next year of a programme that should eventually see the country's first plants return to greenfield sites.

The task of decommissioning the Berkeley atomic power station in Gloucestershire will take more than 100 years to complete at a cost of more than £300 million. Similar work on Berkeley's eight sister stations will start within the next five years.

A disposal site has in the meantime to be found for the large volumes of waste containing intermediate levels of radioactivity, for after six years of searching for a place to build a nuclear waste dump, Nirex, the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive, has failed to overcome fierce opposition from local communities.

New methods have yet to be devised for the final removal and burial of huge internal structures at the heart of the reactor, but, while attempts are made in the decades ahead to overcome such problems, the building will be sealed and subjected to tight security until the second half of next century.

With privatization of the electricity supply industry imminent, questions also remain in regard to who will continue to pay for the decommissioning of successive generations of nuclear power stations and who has the responsibility for guarding them.

However, the dismantling of Berkeley starts the process of decommissioning the first generation of Magnox reactors, with which Britain pioneered the development of commercial nuclear power.

Most of them were built in the 1960s, following the use of the Calder Hall reactors at Windscale in Cumbria by the Atomic Energy Authority for generating electricity in addition to producing plutonium for weapons.

Success in producing electricity from those early reactors led to the building of others for the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) and the South of Scotland Electrity Board in what was the first such commercial programme in the world.

The first two reactors, at Berkeley and Bradwell, Essex, were brought into operation in 1962 and had an expected life of 25 to 30 years. The dismantling of them will be done in three stages, according to a provisional timetable.

Five years will be needed to remove the 30,000 highly radioactive fuel rods which will be sent to Sellafield, Cumbria, for reprocessing.

Initially, the rods are so radioactive that they have to cool underwater for 100 days on site at Berkeley before being moved by rail to Sellafield inside heavily shielded metal flasks.

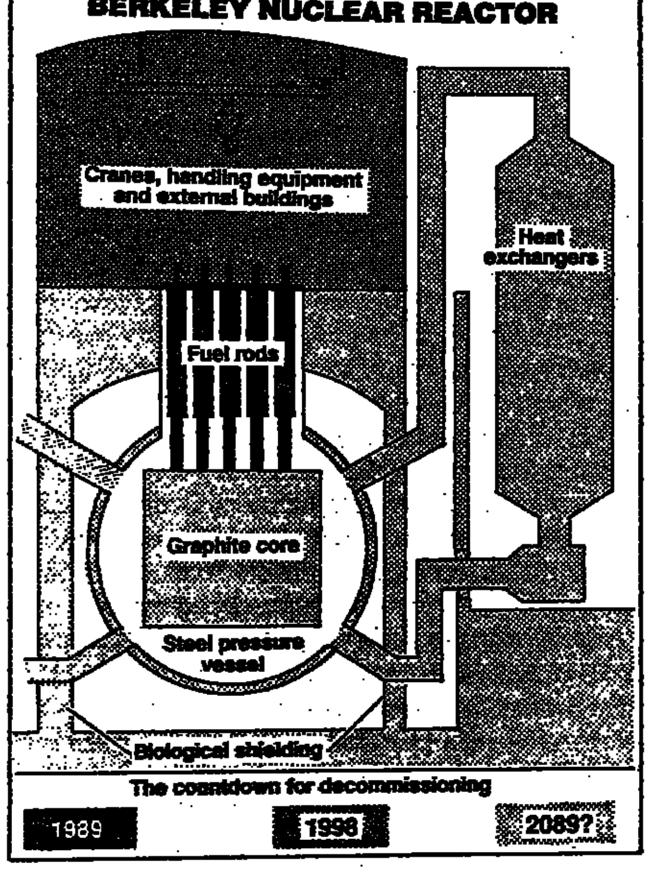
Once all the fuel rods are out of the way, more than 99 per cent of the reactor's radioactive content will have been removed. However, exposure to the remaining 1 per cent would still be deadly.

The second stage of decommissioning 10 to 12 years after the generation of electricity has ceased will involve the removal of boilers, gas ducts, circulators and other plant around the reactor, and take about five to seven years.

The third stage involving the dismantling of the heart of the reactor will be delayed for at least 100 years. The pause will allow the radioactivity to decay naturally. Eventually the remaining biological shield, steel pressure vessel and graphite core and other components will be disposed of deep underground.

● The Sellafield nuclear reprocessing complex is likely to become a package holiday centre, it was announced yesterday, with the recently opened £5 million visitors' centre there becoming the main draw if the scheme goes ahead.

DECOMMISSIONING OF BERKELEY NUCLEAR REACTOR



Whetting appetites for herring

Mr Colin Smith of the Radiant Star shows off his herring catch (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

A campaign to revive the British taste for the once cherished but now sadly forgotten herring was launched in London yesterday.

The 133-ft Scottish purse seiner, Radiant Star, sailed under Tower Bridge to berth next to HMS Belfast, where a reception was held with a special dish prepared by Wheeler's of St James's, the fish restaurant chain.

The campaign is in response to concern that, of the 100,000 tonnes of herring caught by British fishermen last year, more than 90 per cent had to be sold at knock-down prices to factory ships from the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, West Africa and the Far East, because the home market was so small.

The herring is a victim of its own former popularity.

After years of massive overfishing, a ban was imposed in the North Sea in 1977, which was not fully lifted until 1983.

By that time, the British public had become unfamiliar with what had for centuries been a basic food.

There were "herring wars" in the Middle Ages, they were a favourite food of English and Scottish kings, and were in demand for victualling armies.

The campaign, organized by the Sea Fish Industry Authority with the support of fishermen's organizations and merchants, will try to persuade shoppers of the herring's nutritional merits and, since it normally retails at less than £1 a pound, its value for money.

Poll tax 'will force up leisure charges'

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Charges for swimming pools, leisure centres and other council services will have to rise significantly after poll tax is introduced, the right wing think-tank, the Adam Smith Institute, says in a book published today.

Rents will also rise and the demand for private housing will be boosted. Local government will have to be reorganized once again, according to Mr Douglas Mason, the institute's policy adviser.

The institute welcomes the poll tax or community charge, but makes clear that it is only the beginning of a series of changes to the town halls.

Councils will be able to provide services only if they consider contracting them out to the private sector or charging the public because the poll tax regime will force them to cut their spending.

Mr Mason warns that after the poll tax is introduced some councils will find it difficult to service "creative accountancy" deals.

"I suspect that this government, unlike its predecessors, might not be unhappy to let an authority go bankrupt".

Is there life after the Community Charge: Adam Smith Institute PO Box 316 London SW1P 3BL (£9).

Police anger over BBC EastEnders rape scene

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Peter Imbert, and Mr Leslie Curtis, chairman of the Police Federation, yesterday condemned BBC TV's EastEnders drama for its "crude" portrayal of a rape case.

The programme showed a police officer suggesting the character encouraged the assault. But police pointed out that they have remodelled their approach to rape and such scenes should never now occur.

Sir Peter said: "After all our work to reassure the public that rape victims will receive a sympathetic response, it's disappointing to see police portrayed in a way that is certainly not accurate and which will do nothing to encourage the reporting of this despicable crime."

Mr Curtis added: "Our members will be incensed by this insensitive approach. This crude portrayal could undo public confidence."

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, the campaigner on TV standards, called on the Home Secretary to cancel Sunday's repeat.

Court rules against postmen

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

A High Court judge has told postal workers that they must attend 30-minute monthly meetings with their supervisors and managers to hear and discuss matters relating to the Post Office.

He ordered the Union of Communication Workers to withdraw an instruction to nearly 150,000 postmen and women not to go to "team briefings" and urged both sides to use common sense and "reasonableness".

Within minutes of the judgement, the UCW sent out a circular cancelling the instruction, but officials said they expected an angry reaction.

"The ball is in the Post Office's court", said one. "The future depends on the members' reaction and the Post Office."

The Post Office sought the injunction on the grounds that the union's instruction was an incitement to take action that breached employees' work contracts.

At a 90-minute private hearing, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny ordered the union to do nothing to persuade its members not to attend the briefings. The order will stay in force until a full trial is held, or another order is made.

The Post Office said it welcomed the decision and expected the union to comply with the law. The team briefings played an important role in communications, the Post Office said, but the central issue was its right to manage.

The postal group of the union's executive committee is meeting this morning to discuss the judgement.

The concept of team briefings has been developed by the Industrial Society, which has also urged both sides to settle their differences amicably.

The UCW voted at its annual conference in May not to have anything to do with team briefings, which delegates said were being used to "brainwash" workers, and last week ordered members not to attend them.

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Image-makers agonize over how to sell Bush

From Charles Bremner
New York

Could it be his face muscles? Maybe it is because he blinks too much. Whatever the causes, Mr George Bush's image problem has now taken centre-stage in the US presidential campaign.

Though several polls show the Vice-President slightly closing the gap behind Mr Michael Dukakis, allies and strategists are near-unanimous in their advice to Mr Bush — to win the November election he must change dramatically the way the public sees him.

The Doonesbury cartoons mock him as the invisible man. One magazine is running a contest for the best explanation of the joke that Mr Bush reminds all women of their first husband. Another joke has it that he will choose Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick as the vice-presidential candidate to give some machismo to the ticket.

The Bush "gender gap" — the high dislike of Mr Bush among women — is alarming Republican strategists. According to the latest *New York Times* survey, issued this week, Mr Bush is only three points behind Mr Dukakis among men but 13 percentage points behind with women voters. Eager to shore up the ticket's macho image, some Republicans have been urging Mr Bush to pick Mr Rudolph Giuliani, the tough, young, New York federal prosecutor, as his running mate. The two are to meet later this week.

According to the experts, almost everything about Mr Bush's looks and character are an image-maker's nightmare.

Listed briefly these include his trade-mark grimaces, his frequent gaffes, his preference for Boy Scout language such as "deep doodoo" and "tension city", garbled grammar, high-pitched voice, tendency to blink excessively and "negative" body-language, like clasping his hands in front of him.

All this adds up to an image of weakness, insincerity, whininess and what the Americans call "goofiness".

Mr Bush complains that he is not even being given the benefit of his one clear advantage over Mr Dukakis — his 6 ft 2 in height over the governor's 5 ft 7 in. Many Americans see the Vice-President as a small man, according to polls. Comments from the audience reacting to the real-life Mr Bush confirm this. The Vice-President is himself dismayed by the mounting popular perception of him as a "wimp".

"I have to be better at projecting my passions, my concerns, my strengths," he said in private last week. "And if I can't do better at it — why, who knows what will happen?"

But in recent weeks, the Vice-President has kept up his stream of gaffes and mis-statements, to the glee of the Democrats. At a drug centre he talked to addicts about the "dependence thing". He also revealed in a TV interview how he was haunted by his recent on-screen quarrel with Mr Dan Rather, the star anchorman.

❝ He is dismayed by public perception of him as a wimp ❞

And then there was his inexplicable slip of the tongue last month when he said that he had "had some sex" with President Reagan. No one knew what he really meant.

But Republicans remain convinced that the crucial swing-voters will shy away from the Massachusetts governor if only they can prove he is really a liberal sheep in wolf's clothing. So far, however, the polls show the public is not buying the argument.

The *New York Times* poll showed no significant change in the 28 per cent of voters who see Mr Dukakis as a liberal.

The slight sag in the overall Dukakis lead is a clear result of press reporting of his record on law and order and on his budget troubles in Massachusetts.

It is not that the Dukakis charm is bowling over the populace. Most agree that he has little. But, according to the poll-takers, the governor offers a personality and ideas that shrewdly blend to tap the current national mood.

America wants competence, caution and steady change, so Mr Dukakis, helped by his late 1960s stint as a television presenter, is projecting himself as strong on leadership, predictability, coolness and character.

The electorate wants consensus and moderation over boldness and adventure, so Mr Dukakis steers far away from specifics, preferring to hammer generalities such as the family and "good jobs at good wages". The Democrats are taking further heart from polls that show their candidate's character in tune with issues.

A private survey by Mr Peter Hart, the Democratic poll-taker, found a startling jump in the number of Americans who think the next President must spend more on "kids' programmes" — education and child care — and by four to one they believe Mr Dukakis is the man to deliver.

The survey said 60 per cent of voters declared that a candidate who promised "kids' programmes" would have special appeal to them, compared with 47 per cent a year ago. The irony is that Mr Bush has for months been relentlessly hammering at his pledge to become the "education President". Like Mr Dukakis, though, he has never spelt out exactly what this means.

❝ He also appears to lack sex appeal and genuineness ❞

Among women, a full 60 per cent believe Mr Dukakis would do a better job for children, compared with 7 per cent for Mr Bush. With so much at stake, the consultants are probing the electoral psyche to find out just what it is about Mr Bush, a man with a long career in high public office, that makes him look so ineffectual, particularly among women.

Mr Bush's advisers defend him by pointing out that women are traditionally more inclined to favour Democrats because they stand for the more "caring" feminine issues of education and welfare. But they no longer deny that the Bush personality has much to do with it.

He "lacks sex appeal and genuineness", said one woman academic at a conservative think-tank.

A team of psychologists and political scientists at Dartmouth College have come up with some telling results from research, into the way voters assess personality from video-clips.

Test groups of voters are shown tapes of each candidate and asked how they believe he might be feeling about himself and how the candidates make the viewer feel.

They have found that far more women than men rated Mr Bush as being unhappy with himself.

The test viewers also rated him as far more fearful than Mr Dukakis. The reason for this may be fairly obvious to anyone who has watched the Vice-President's performance, but the experts have narrowed down the blame to factors such as his "micro-expressions".

Mr Bush is said to transmit a mood of anxiety by constantly pulling down the corner of his mouth when he flashes his politician's smile. The rapid blinking and a failure to raise his eyebrows are also to blame, they say.

Other experts say that Mr Bush is failing to articulate a "guiding national myth".

A successful presidential candidate must embody a recognizable stereotype. This can be rags to riches, for example, in the case of Mr Dukakis, or rich boy with a heart of gold in the case of Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy.

According to Mr Steve Barnett of the New York firm, Research and Forecasts, Mr Bush is projecting the undesirable images of the 1980s.

"What Bush condenses is corporate anonymity. He's IBM anonymous," Mr Barnett told *The Washington Post*.

Dukakis angers blacks by his treatment of Jackson

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Michael Dukakis braved the anger of many black leaders yesterday when he addressed a convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) here, a day after he was criticized for his handling of the Rev Jesse Jackson, his remaining rival for the Democratic nomination race.

Insisting that the door of the White House would always be open to black leaders, he spoke of the need to make opportunities greater for all Americans.

He quoted Dr Martin Luther King's exhortation to "make a career of humanity", boasted of his efforts as Governor of Massachusetts to increase the number of blacks in state employment, and outlined his own social agenda.

He was received with polite but cool applause, but there was a pointed lack of reaction when he praised the record of Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the man he selected on Tuesday to be his vice-presidential running mate.

Outside the NAACP convention, many black political leaders were in uproar yesterday over the way Mr Dukakis appeared to have snubbed Mr Jackson and several predicted that the Chicago clergyman's supporters would angrily make their feelings known at the Democratic Party's Atlanta convention.

Black leaders suggested that Mr Dukakis's failure to inform Mr Jackson in advance of his choice of Senator Lloyd Bentsen was deliberate.

Congressman Charles Rangel of New York called it "very unprofessional". He added sarcastically: "I assume the Dukakis announcement was not made to make a special appeal to black folks."

"We are in shock," Mr William Gibson, the NAACP chairman, said.

Another black leader from Mississippi said: "Everywhere I've gone today, people have been talking about the way Jesse was treated. It was atrocious."

US ELECTION

Mr Jackson himself, after insisting he was "too mature to be angry", returned yesterday to Chicago, where he was consulting his supporters and delegates.

At a press conference on Tuesday he icily refused to endorse the Dukakis-Bentsen ticket, though he said he would "no doubt" eventually support it.

Later, he made no effort to hide his anger and disappointment when he insisted, in an emotional and sometimes tearful address to the NAACP, that he was qualified and had earned a place on the ticket. He received a thunderous ovation.

"People say 'Jesse Jackson, why are you running?'," he said. "I am running because the end has not yet come ... I will never surrender. I'm running because this struggle for justice is both ancient and endless. I may not be on the ticket, but I'm qualified."

He said the Atlanta convention was not a time for show business. "We go to Atlanta ... to deliberate and debate our nation's priorities."

He mocked those who said he was fighting against the odds by still seeking the presidential nomination. "I was born against the odds ... I'm an odds-breaker and a dream-maker, and I will never surrender."

Political analysts, however, suggested his anger may soon fade, noting that he said on Tuesday he would keep "all lines of communication open with Dukakis's campaign between now and beyond".

He said Mr Dukakis had the right to solidify his organization in the way he saw best. Mr Jackson insisted his job was to affirm his own strategy. "It is to keep hope alive, to keep focus on our campaign, to keep our delegates and supporters disciplined, detailed and full of hope."

The Bentsen nomination drew broad approval from most commentators yesterday, who saw it as a daring challenge to Vice-President George Bush in his own back yard. Senator Bentsen was seen as a well-qualified and experienced politician, who in some ways was more like Mr Bush than Mr Dukakis.

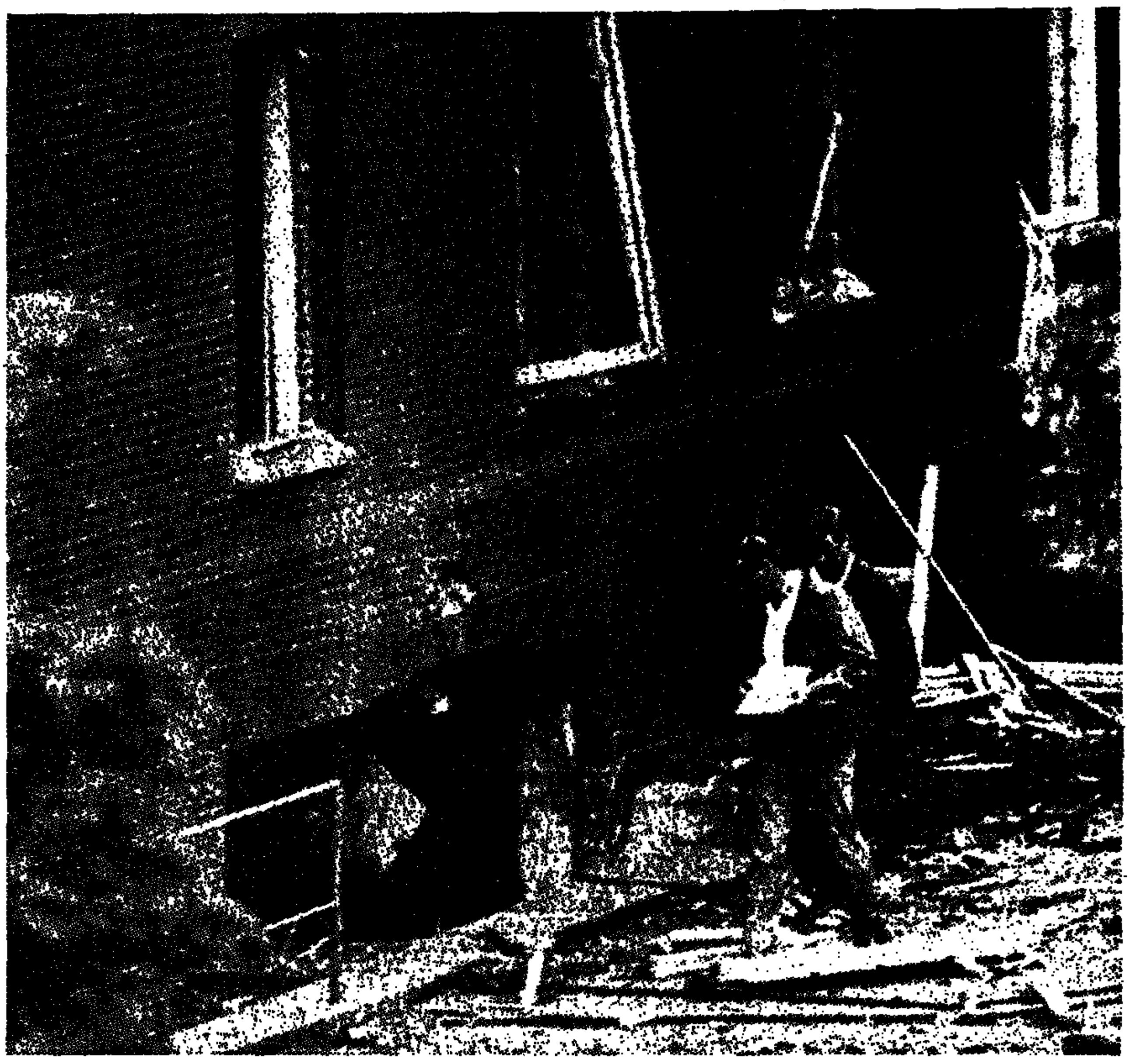
"It's a shrewd, audacious decision, likely to advance the Democrats' chances," *The New York Times* said.

The Washington Post said Mr Bentsen knew his way around Washington, would add balance to the ticket in domestic and economic affairs, and on foreign policy held positions that even contradicted those expressed by Mr Dukakis. However, he was not a visionary.

"He gives no sense that, given a choice, he would take the country to a place very different from where it is. Nor has Mr Dukakis given such a sense so far. They are both ameliorators; they have made their reputations tuning the machinery up, not steering in a new direction."

Mr Lee Atwater, Mr Bush's campaign manager, dismissed the Democrats' attempt to win Texas with Senator Bentsen. He admitted that Mr Bush may have to campaign harder in his home state, but said the Democrats would be forced to sink scarce resources there, in what would ultimately prove to be an exercise in futility.

Bombers breach barracks' defences



Police inspecting the damage done to a wall of the Glamorgan barracks at Duisburg in West Germany by IRA bombs. Nine soldiers were injured in the explosion at 3am yesterday, as 70 British servicemen lay sleeping in the barracks block.

Security check at British bases after IRA raiders foil guards

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The IRA attack on the Glamorgan barracks at Duisburg in West Germany yesterday was particularly worrying for British Army chiefs because the terrorists succeeded in breaching the perimeter fence to plant their two bombs.

The fence is patrolled by armed soldiers throughout the night, yet the bombers were not spotted. Sources indicated that the IRA must have watched the barracks before the attack to monitor the patrol patterns.

Although there was no intelligence tip-off of the latest terrorist attack, security experts had warned that the murder of three RAF servicemen in The Netherlands in May, and the subsequent discovery of a bomb under an army captain's car near the British Army of the Rhine headquarters in Bielefeld, probably heralded the start of a new IRA campaign against military targets.

After the May incidents, a special military committee consisting of General Sir Brian Kenny, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine, Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Skingsley, Commander-in-Chief of RAF Germany, and other senior officers, reviewed every 48 hours the security measures necessary to counter the terrorist threat.

As the security alert level at the garrisons scattered throughout Germany was eased, the committee reverted to a weekly meeting. However, the 70,000 servicemen and women stationed in Germany were reminded to keep up a high standard of personal vigilance and to be constantly aware of the possibility of a terrorist attack.

Barracks which are close to the Dutch border are viewed as the most vulnerable to attack because of the opportunity provided for a quick escape across the frontier. IRA support groups are active in The Netherlands. Within less than 30 minutes of yesterday's attack, the terrorists could have driven across the Dutch-German border.

More than 95,500 British military personnel and about 5,300 civilians working for the Ministry of Defence are based abroad.

But it is clear that the 56,000 soldiers and 11,000 RAF personnel in Germany, and also the 5,000 servicemen and women in Cyprus, face a greater risk of terrorist attack than those serving in other parts of the world.

The Glamorgan barracks, where 500 men and women of the Transport Regiment are based, stands beside civilian homes, shops and factories with access for traffic on all sides. The bombers had only to place the bombs just inside the perimeter fence to smash windows on both sides of the street in the explosion. The bombs had timing devices; they did not explode until the terrorists had left the scene.

Army officers yesterday said they did not think the security problem at Glamorgan Barracks was any worse than at other British Army bases in West Germany. "I can think of at least nine bases which are sited in towns like this one," a BAOR spokesman said yesterday. "Security arrangements are continually being updated and will be reviewed again as a result of this incident."

The Transport Regiment, part of the Royal Corps of Transport, is the only British military presence in Duisburg and has good relations with the local community.

Army sources dismissed suggestions that it was chosen as a relatively "soft" target. They said absolute security at British military bases was impossible because of the need to ensure a normal way of life for the servicemen.

"You could only stop people getting into barracks if you employed all personnel to guard every square foot of perimeter fencing," said one source. "But not many people would stay in the Army, and no training would get done."

After the murder of three RAF servicemen in May, in the Dutch towns of Roermond and Nieuw Bergen, and the car bomb at Bielefeld in West Germany, guards at all the main barracks were doubled and the security status went to red alert for a short time.

Since then all servicemen have been warned to check their own cars and to operate "Shark Watch" when they leave the barracks in off-duty hours. Under this system, one serviceman in each group is delegated to act as look-out and to drink no alcohol.

There is also a long-standing rule that vehicles cannot be parked within 25 yards of "official" buildings inside barracks because of the car bomb threat. This does not apply to servicemen's quarters.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Hamadei claims 'mental torture'

Frankfurt (Reuter) — Mr Mohammed Ali Hamadei, a Lebanese accused of the 1985 seizure of a US airliner and the murder of an American passenger, admitted yesterday that he had smuggled explosives into West Germany after being asked to do so by a person in Lebanon, but said other confessions were extracted by mental torture.

Mr Hamadei, who was arrested at Frankfurt in January, 1987, for smuggling explosives, alleged that an official of the Federal Criminal Office and an interpreter appointed by it had continually threatened him and deprived him of basic rights during his 18 months in Preungesheim prison, where his trial is now being held amid tight security.

Greek bases notice

Athens — Greece served the United States formal notice yesterday that the five-year bases agreement signed in 1983 would end on December 31 (Mario Modiano writes). The Americans would have 17 months from then in which to dismantle their military installations in Greece.

Had Greece not given notice five months before the expiry date, the agreement would have been extended for another year. The US has maintained four large bases and 20 smaller installations in Greece and Crete for 36 years.

● **WASHINGTON:** The United States is hoping for a new accord to keep the bases, despite the Athens Government's announcement, officials said (Reuter reports). They expected a new round of negotiations at the end of July.

Indian rocket fails

Bangalore (Reuter) — India's space programme suffered another blow yesterday when its second attempt to launch a big rocket failed minutes after blast-off. Mr Udipi Ramchandra Rao, the Space Commission chairman, said the fault appeared to be in the first stage of the rocket. He said mission control lost contact 210 seconds after the 39-tonne, four-stage rocket lifted off from the southern island of Sriharikota.

Tokyo defence target

Tokyo (AFP) — The Japanese Defence Agency is to seek the equivalent of $29.9 billion (£17.7 billion) for defence spending next year. The figure is an increase of 6.7 per cent over the current fiscal year. The Defence Agency director-general, Mr Tsutomu Kawara, explained the agency's decision at a joint meeting of three security-related committees of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. The agency will continue negotiating with the Finance Ministry until tomorrow when the budgetary ceilings for government agencies for the 1989 fiscal year are decided by the Cabinet.

Police chiefs jailed

Madrid — A magistrate sent two high-ranking police officials to prison here yesterday — to avoid the possibility that they might escape justice — on suspicion of involvement in a "dirty war" to kill off Basque terrorists, and continued his investigation into indications that such activities might have had secret government approval (Harry Debelius writes). Señor José Amedo Fouce, the Deputy Police Chief, and his aide, Señor Michel Dominguez Martínez, refused to answer 200 questions at yesterday's hearing.

Labour leader in Botswana

Kinnock pledge to double foreign aid

From Philip Webster, Gaborone

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday promised that a Labour Government would increase by 2½ times Britain's spending on overseas aid in the lifetime of a Parliament.

The Labour leader, speaking in Gaborone at the end of his visit to Botswana, said that Labour would try to improve the present aid spending by the British Government of 0.28 per cent of gross national product, an all-time low, to at least 0.7 per cent.

This would represent the equivalent of an increase of between 1½p and 2p on income tax, although it is unlikely that all the rise would be found by that means. Britain's overseas aid budget is at present £1.3 billion. The Labour plan would raise it to about £3 billion.

Mr Kinnock said that the Government had cut aid four times more than public spending in general. Aid was now worth £1 billion less each year than it would have been had the last Labour Government's programme continued.

He said he was absolutely confident that the British people, who had shown by their responses to international aid events their willingness to give, would subscribe "the equivalent of that amount", whether it came directly from income tax or other means.

Mr Kinnock also explained yesterday that he was not a Christian because he was "a bit short on forgiveness".

At the end of the Botswana stay in his tour of the frontline states, he gave a remarkably candid explanation of his beliefs to African and British journalists.

Mr Kinnock said: "I have not got a religion. I would be a Christian. That is my background and upbringing.

"But I find myself unable to completely concede the ultimate idea of forgiveness in the face of great evil. I cannot back what I consider to be the basic Christian requirement of being forgiving.

"Unless I can do something 100 per cent certain in terms of belief, then I would not want to travel under false colours. That is why I am not a practising part of any religion," he said.

Mr Kinnock said that, despite his position, people were often surprised by his knowledge of the Bible.

Dead fish herald lucky launch for Hong Kong lingerie

From Thomson Prentice
Hong Kong

When the first fish were found dead at the bottom of their tank in a corner of Marks and Spencer's new store in Hong Kong, the staff breathed a sigh of relief.

It was considered the most graphic of demonstrations that the omens for business were good.

So good, in fact, that the company will open its second branch in the colony during September, only four months after launching itself on unsuspecting Chinese shoppers and grateful expatriates.

Once more, M&S will rely not so much on its ubiquitous patron saint as on the ancient Chinese science of Fung Shui to guide its fortunes. Fung Shui is a complex craft, developed over the centuries, which influences much of Oriental life and seeks to achieve harmony between man and his environment.

When it comes to building or opening a new office or shop, the advice of a Fung Shui expert is essential.

He decides whether the location is suitable — it should face the warm south with the strength of the mountains to the north behind it.

The colour scheme has to meet his approval — orange and red mean joy and festivity, whereas grey and black represent disaster and grief.

The day, the hour and even the minute of opening is carefully chosen to get the new venture off to an auspicious start. And to be on the safe side, a tank full of fish to absorb evil spirits should be placed on the premises.

"Soon after we opened in May, some of the fish in our tank died. That really was a good sign," Mrs Trish Harwood, a spokeswoman for the company, said yesterday.

Before the company opens its new branch, it will again heed the advice of Mr Sung Sin Kwong, a local Fung Shui master.

His comments are particularly important because the new store is geared almost exclusively towards Chinese customers, whereas the first branch appeals more to tourists and British residents in Hong Kong.

"It was like an oasis in the desert for expatriate wives," said Mrs Sue Campbell, the managing editor of *Eve*, a leading Hong Kong monthly magazine for women.

"At last there was a chance to get some good old St Michael knickers.

"None of the other stores sell British sizes and because Chinese women are usually much smaller than us, nothing fits," she said.

The snag is that M&S prices here are similar to those in Britain, which makes them considerably more expensive than local rivals.

By Chinese standards, M&S frilly lingerie is considered rather daring.

This may explain why one man purchased £500 worth on the opening day. It may further explain why the underwear department is often thronged with slightly bemused Chinese housewives.

They are also sampling the exotic offerings of the food department. Chicken Kiev and Raspberry Pavlova, the staple diet of hordes of middle-class working couples in Britain, make an adventurous change here from dim sum, chow mein, sweet and sour pork, and crispy duck.

To increase its appeal to local shoppers, the company has devised its own Chinese symbol, which represents a horse and a herbal plant.

"The combination is meant to suggest a strong and graceful image," Mrs Harwood said. "It's also considered to be good Fung Shui."

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Gorbachov underwrites Poland's postwar territorial boundaries

Baltic port pledge sends a warning to East Germany

From Richard Bassett, Szczecin, Poland

In a stirring speech to several thousand Polish shipyard workers, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, placed his personal imprimatur on the sanctity of Poland's postwar frontiers yesterday.

In the Baltic port of Szczecin, Poland's most important, Mr Gorbachov said that everything achieved during and after the war "would be properly protected".

Szczecin, Mr Gorbachov insisted, was a "very Polish city", ignoring the fact that it was the German port of Stettin until 1945 and still full of very Prussian architecture.

Sidestepping the fact that Szczecin's incorporation into Poland after the Second World War had been Stalin's way of compensating Poland for the appropriation of large areas of the prewar Polish state, Mr Gorbachov dwelt on the virtues of Polish-Soviet brotherhood.

"We stand now shoulder to shoulder, and you in Poland can be sure that the shoulder beside you is as firm as your own. Szczecin is Poland's present and future." His speech, while winning applause from the Poles, seems tailor-made to annoy the East Germans, many of whom regard the incorporation of great tracts of former German territory into Poland as unjust and are critical of Mr Gorbachov visiting Szczecin.

It was a clear sign to East Berlin to stop its recent harassment of Polish shipping around the Bay of Szczecin, and it was also an indication of Moscow's hostility to East Germany's clear resistance to the doctrine to *perestroika*.

Ironically, most of those Poles Mr Gorbachov addressed had come to Szczecin after the war as immigrants from old Polish territories seized by Stalin. But this unhappy circumstance, along with other sensitive areas in Polish-Soviet history, were remote during yesterday's visit to the Baltic port.

It was an indication of the nervousness the Government of General Wojciech Jaruzelski feels about having the Soviet leader in Poland, but once again — as in Cracow on Tuesday — Mr Gorbachov was prevented from mingling with ordinary Poles. At every turn, the Poles he came into contact with were either members of the party or plainclothes policemen.

In the shipyard yesterday, of the 2,500 audience not a single man present was under the age of 30.Most of those who attended had come from the clerical, rather than more militant manual, departments of the shipyard.

For General Jaruzelski, who introduced Mr Gorbachov to the shipyard workers, his undoubted popularity with the Soviet leader has given his credibility a much needed boost. But it is unlikely that Mr Gorbachov's tour would have done anything to eradicate the traditional suspicion that Poles feels towards Russians.

Mr Gorbachov, who has perhaps realized that his reception in Poland had not had the warmth of other tours to Eastern Europe, said: "I have felt respect and hospitality, but there is a bigger and bigger need for mutual understanding."

Mr Gorbachov signing a copy of his book *Perestroika* while General Jaruzelski looks on.

Bhutto says Zia risks uprising over poll delay

From Zahid Hussain, Lahore

The Pakistan opposition, in its most virulent attack yet on President Zia, has called on the people to resist his "dictatorial regime".

The leaders of the nine-party Movement for Restoration of Democracy, led by Miss Benazir Bhutto, told a rally of more than 100,000 in Lahore on Tuesday night that General Zia had led the nation into political turmoil by violating his constitutional obligation to hold fresh elections within 90 days of dissolving the National Assembly.

Miss Bhutto, the head of the Pakistan People's Party, gave a warning that, if the President went back on his pledge to stage polls within the time specified by the Constitution, then the "responsibility for the people's reaction will solely lie with him".

At a press conference yesterday, she said that any delay would be tantamount to an act of high treason.

She said that, by abrogating the 1985 Constitution that General Zia himself had declared, he would reopen "many settled constitutional issues. This Constitution provides him indemnity and protection for all his acts during martial rule. Once it goes, all those acts will come into question."

Miss Bhutto said that the caretaker Government appointed by the President had not taken any positive measures to assure the Opposition that free and impartial elections would be held as required by the Constitution, despite the positive attitude adopted by the nine-party alliance.

She had declared at the rally: "When we had the option, we chose a peaceful path. Now the option lies with General Zia, and it is his decision which way to take the country."

She made it clear during the event, which continued until 3 am on Wednesday, that the Opposition would not accept a ballot run on non-party lines. "We would only accept elections which are free, impartial and party-based."

The opposition leaders also accused General Zia of using Islam and the armed forces to perpetuate his rule. They alleged that he had no intention of handing over power peacefully, and if the people of Pakistan wanted democracy they would have to fight for it.

The highly emotional crowd chanted "Zia must go" and "Death to Zia".

The Lahore rally marked the start of a concerted mass campaign by the Opposition to force General Zia into announcing an election date. It was also the first public meeting addressed jointly by Miss Bhutto and the key leaders of the seven-year-old anti-Zia alliance, and underlined the accommodation that has taken place between the left, centre and religious right to unite against the general.

Previously, sharp differences had emerged between the People's Party, which rejects fighting an election as part of an alliance, and the rest of the Opposition.

Earlier, Miss Bhutto was accorded a tumultuous welcome at Lahore airport, and a mile-long march of party workers who had come from all parts of Punjab province walked 10 miles in a five-hour procession to the rally site.

Observers here said that the public reception and carnival-like atmosphere were reminiscent of April 10, 1986, when she landed at Lahore after two years' exile in Britain.

The rally, one of the largest in the city's history, is bound to boost the morale of the Opposition as it seeks to move towards the removal of General Zia.

The President is passing through possibly the toughest period of his 11-year rule. His desperate attempt to form his own Muslim League Party, under the leadership of his protégé and the caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr Nawaz Sharif, also seems to have failed. Observers say that General Zia has become more isolated than ever.

Miss Bhutto alleged yesterday: "It appears that the Government is more preoccupied with the formation of its own Muslim League Party than making arrangments for the elections."

She renewed her call for the United States to monitor elections in Pakistan, as it had done in the Philippines. Observers reported that the presence in Lahore of Mr Arnold Raphael, the US Ambassador to Pakistan, to witness the rally — after a meeting with Miss Bhutto in Islamabad on Monday — was a significant move.

Miss Bhutto: Renewed call for US to monitor election.

Romania blights East's human rights record

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Soviet Union has improved its human rights record over the last six months, but the picture is patchy elsewhere in Eastern Europe and "appallingly bad" in Romania, according to the Foreign Office.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, said that Eastern Europe's human rights performance is being closely monitored. It is being compared with the commitments which 33 countries in East and West Europe, as well as the US and Canada, undertook in 1975 at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, held in Helsinki.

The timing of Mr Mellor's report, given in answer to a Commons question, is considered significant. It comes as the third review of the Helsinki accords is approaching its target date for completion. Officials of the 35 CSCE nations have been meeting in Vienna for 18 months, and have set themselves a target to finish by the end of July.

The Nato countries see the human rights elements as the litmus test by which the West will judge whether the time is right for East-West conventional arms cuts in Central Europe. Unless agreement is reached in Vienna on human rights, the West will not allow the proposed Conventional Stability Talks between the seven Warsaw Pact and 16 Nato countries to go ahead.

The report says that during the last six months widespread violations of Principle VII of the Helsinki Final Act have continued. This covers freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief.

While Mr Gorbachov's *glasnost* policies have brought improvements in basic rights in the Soviet Union, key legal guarantees are still only in the drafting stage. "Very few arrests of political activists on criminal charges have taken place," Mr Mellor said, but added that there were still some 300 political prisoners. Jewish emigration has doubled compared with the same period last year, and it is now a crime knowingly to commit a sane person for psychiatric treatment.

There is now only one known case of an Anglo-Soviet family divided by the inability to emigrate. The figures for similar cases in other countries are Czechoslovakia 5, East Germany 9, Romania 17.

Human rights in other Eastern European countries:

Bulgaria: Some human rights acitivists have received permission to travel, but mostly dissidents are still imprisoned or penalized. Religious communities other than the Orthodox Church have continuing problems. "Bulgaria's treatment of the ethnic Turkish minority flouts all aspects of Principle VII."

Czechoslovakia: Religious activists are still subject to harassment and arrest. A demonstration for religious rights and a peace conference were broken up. Harassment of the Charter 77 movement continues, but two jailed dissidents have been released.

Hungary: The report describes Budapest's record as "good, but not faultless". An estimated 150 to 200 Hungarians are serving sentences for refusing military service, but legislation on alternative service is planned. Small numbers were arrested at two recent demonstrations.

East Germany: "Implementation of the (Helsinki) Final Act by the GDR remained unsatisfactory. Open signs of discontent among human rights activists increased markedly."

Poland: Implementation by Warsaw is described as "patchy", with a high degree of religious tolerance being offset by censorship of Church publications. "During industrial unrest in May the authorities resorted to old-fashioned methods of dealing with political protest. But most of those arrested have since been released."

Romania: "There has been no improvement ... in Romania's appallingly bad implementation ... Romania is currently the biggest obstacle to progress in the Vienna CSCE negotiations." Mr Mellor said that the policy of destroying villages and concentrating the population in urban settlements appeared to involve forcible relocation and the loss of homes and lands. Rights of minorities (mainly people of Hungarian descent) "continue to be gradually eroded".

Mr Mellor's report coincides with a Warsaw Pact summit in Poland. There are hopes at the Foreign Office that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, will use the occasion to urge President Ceausescu of Romania to lift objections to further human rights commitments in the Vienna review, otherwise the prospects of beginning the Conventional Stability Talks on arms cuts in the autumn will be slim.

Soviet exodus poses problem for Bonn

From John England
Bonn

The relaxed domestic policies of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, including allowing ethnic groups to leave the Soviet Union, are proving to be a mixed blessing for the West Germans.

Bonn is facing a flood of ethnic German emigrants from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe which is straining its immigration facilities. Three reception camps are overflowing, and absorbing the emigrants throughout the country is putting local authorities under severe pressure. Almost 65,000 emigrants arrived in the first half of this year, which was almost treble the total for the same period in 1987.

Arrivals in June, totalling 14,614, were the highest in a single month for 30 years. Up to 2,500 emigrants a week are reporting to the biggest camp at Friedland, near Göttingen in Lower Saxony, which has already had 500 beds added to its normal capacity of 1,000.

The authorities say the exodus is not due only to Mr Gorbachov's largesse: poor economic conditions in Poland and enmity towards ethnic Germans in Romania are also playing a part. But in recent weeks increasing numbers of emigrants have come from the Soviet Union.

Bonn is to deal with the problem with emergency measures to relieve the crush at the Friedland camp, as well as at two others in Bavaria and the Ruhr, and a special programme to help the assimilation of emigrants around the country.

Zimbabwe minister's wife is shot dead

Harare (AFP) — Mrs Sheila Hove, wife of Zimbabwe's Minister of Mines, Mr Richard Hove, was shot dead yesterday at the couple's farm in central Zimbabwe, police said. The manager of the farm just outside Gweru, about 140 miles south-west of Harare, also died in the incident.

Mrs Hove was convicted earlier this year of stealing a child her husband had fathered, of threatening the mother with a gun and of destroying property belonging to the woman. Her jail sentence was suspended.

Roads clear

Canberra (Reuter) — Drivers lifted a 1,000-truck blockade on highways in four states pending the outcome of talks on higher registration fees.

Ducat trove

Delhi (Reuter) — A woman found more than 120 gold Venetian ducats between 600 and 1,000 years old while scavenging through rubbish in the western city of Nasik.

Beira attack

Maputo (AP) — Guerrillas raided a festival at Beira, Mozambique's second biggest city, killing 16 people and injuring 72, the national news agency said.

Mafia killing

Palermo (AP) — A convicted Mafia boss, Pietro Messicati Vitale, was killed by a rival gang as he rode a motorcycle to his holiday villa near here.

Train swoop

Amsterdam (Reuter) — Police arrested 18 teenagers who regularly took passenger trains on late-night joy rides near the eastern town of Zwolle.

Fair cop

Peking (Reuter) — The Armed Police, a serious crimes unit, launched a campaign to stop officers reading pornography and other "unhealthy" literature, the *Culture News* said.

US-Nicaragua expulsions tit-for-tat

Sandinista patience snaps after peace hopes founder

From David Gollob, Managua

When the five Central American Presidents signed a peace plan on August 7 last year, the world was stunned by what appeared to be an unprecedented diplomatic breakthrough, and a rare act of defiance of the Reagan Administration by some of its closest allies in a region torn by decades of upheaval.

The plan earned its author, President Arias of Costa Rica, the Nobel Prize for peace.

Nearly a year later, left-wing insurgencies in Guatemala and El Salvador continue unabated, while in Nicaragua this week the Sandinistas clamped down on the civilian opposition, in what some observers interpreted as exasperation with a limited experiment in democracy that has failed to end the war with the US-backed Contra rebels.

"The Arias plan was mainly conceived to solve the Nicaragua problem," said one Western diplomat in Managua. "It was not designed for El Salvador or Guatemala, where it died nine months ago. Arias opposed the US policy of aiding the Contras.

" His idea was to get the Sandinistas to make moves towards democracy, under the threat of exposing them to the world as the bastards he really believes they are."

Despite initial reservations about the Arias plan, the Government in Managua became its most ardent champion as soon as it realized that compliance could bury the Reagan Administration's hopes of getting Congress to renew military aid for the Contras.

Spurred by assurances from Democrats in Congress, Nicaragua went further to comply with the Arias plan than any other Central American signatory.

In September last year, President Ortega lifted lengthy bans on the opposition newspaper *La Prensa* and the Church-run radio station, Radio Católica. Although a state of emergency remained in effect, powers of prior censorship would not be applied. In November Señor Ortega announced that he would begin indirect peace talks with the Contras, and he named his most bitter foe in Nicaragua, Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, Archbishop of Managua, as mediator. Despite the unwillingness of neighbouring Honduras to honour corresponding pledges to expel Contra rebels from their bases on its territory, Señor Ortega lifted a six-year state of emergency in January, 1988, and bowed to Cardinal Obando y Bravo's demands for face-to-face talks with Contra leaders.

President Ortega of Nicaragua, left, says he will try to prevent the US from expelling his Ambassador to Washington in retaliation for Nicaragua's expulsion of US diplomats. Nicaragua's Ambassador, Señor Carlos Tunnerman, and seven other diplomats have been ordered to leave the US. Señor Tunnerman is also Nicaragua's representative to the Organization of American States, and Señor Ortega threatened to call an emergency meeting of its permanent council.

In February the US Congress duly turned down a Reagan Administration request for further military aid for the Contras, although a so-called humanitarian aid package was approved to keep rebel forces intact while the negotiations continued. In March the Sandinista army routed Contra forces from their command centre in northern Nicaragua, pursuing them into their sanctuaries in Honduras.

Alarmed at the prospect of a catastrophic Contra defeat, Washington instructed President Azcona of Honduras to ask for help in repelling the Nicaraguan incursion into a remote and virtually unpopulated fringe of rugged mountains and jungle along the border.

Some 3,000 American troops from the 82nd Airborne Division were airlifted in and the Sandinista forces withdrew.

Days later desperate Contra leaders met Sandinista officials at the Nicaraguan border post of Sapoa and signed a 60-day ceasefire agreement, pledging to pursue further negotiations towards a final settlement of the conflict.

But the euphoria that briefly took hold of Nicaragua evaporated when it became clear that Señor Enrique Bermúdez, a former colonel in Somoza's National Guard and the rebels' military commander, opposed a permanent peace agreement.

Colonel Bermúdez had not signed the Sapoa pact, and his attempt to purge rebel commanders who did resulted in a military rebellion that had to be quelled, with intervention on his behalf by the US Central Intelligence Agency.

As the peace talks foundered, anti-government opposition groups, *La Prensa*, Radio Católica and other privately-owned media raised the political temperature with riotous public protests and by increasing the virulent attacks on government policies.

These included wildly distorted accounts of alleged Sandinista repression, gushing praise of Contra leaders, and incitement to evade military service.

Last Sunday the Government's patience snapped. Sandinista police brutally broke up a relatively insignificant anti-government demonstration in a provincial town, arresting three prominent opposition leaders. Accusing the US Embassy in Managua of orchestrating violent incidents as part of a conspiracy to destabilize the country, the Government expelled the US Ambassador to Managua and seven other US diplomats.

Two of them had attended the protest, where they were photographed making a salute of solidarity with the demonstrators. The opposition newspaper *La Prensa* and Radio Católica were shut down, *La Prensa* for 15 days, Radio Católica indefinitely. Both had accused police of provoking the violence. On this occasion, they happened to be right.

The Western diplomat said that the Government has become convinced that it cannot deal with this opposition."They have made concessions and got nothing in return."

The Government spokesman, Señor René Núñez said: "We have been very flexible, and tolerant ... what we are doing now is to show that the law must be complied with."

One of the aspects of the Arias peace plan that is commonly overlooked is that it recognizes the legality of the governments and constitutions of every country in Central America, including Nicaragua. President Cerezo of Guatemala recently shut an opposition TV station he accused of aiding a foiled military uprising.

This did not create an international scandal, while Nicaraguan moves to silence opposition media are headline news. The unequal yardstick with which Sandinista sins against democracy are measured is an endless irritant to the Government, which nowadays mentions the Arias plan only rarely.

"Whatever we do, we are bad," an exasperated Sandinista ideologue said recently. "So why not be really bad and to hell with international opinion?"

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Doubts linger on Unesco chief's ability to force reform

By Susan MacDonald

It is nine months since Señor Federico Mayor was elected Director-General of Unesco, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. He was not chosen for his outstanding qualities but because by then he was the only candidate still in the running when Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow withdrew from his ill-advised attempt to gain a third six-year term.

When Mrs Thatcher took the decision to withdraw from Unesco three years ago — a year after the United States — she did so out of disquiet over Mr M'Bow's deviation from culture into politics and the fact that an estimated 75 per cent of Unesco's budget was going on salaries and the upkeep of its Paris headquarters.

Although there were private doubts about his strength of character, much good will was invested in Señor Mayor, a Spanish biochemistry professor, who was Spain's Education Minister in 1980 and Unesco deputy director-general from 1978 to 1981.

Britain's official position was that it would not reconsider returning until after the general conference in 1989, when his influence could be properly measured.

This position might have softened if by now signs of positive change had begun to emerge. However, many member countries are beginning to doubt Señor Mayor's ability to reform Unesco.

Although the authoritarian atmosphere which prevailed under Mr M'Bow has disappeared, Señor Mayor's plans to change Unesco have not been translated into action and in speeches are still referred to in the future tense.

Many of his ideas are sound — combating illiteracy, protecting the environment and the free flow of information — but two big obstacles continue to hinder their implementation.

Firstly, he has failed to remove the men who ran the M'Bow machine. Secondly, he has failed to revitalize Unesco's secretariat. It is said that without strong men to support him and a sound secretariat, Unesco is doomed. The most able secretariat members left under an incentive scheme introduced by Mr M'Bow to avoid large-scale dismissals after the British and United States withdrawals caused a 30 per cent drop in Unesco's budget.

Last autumn it was said that Señor Mayor believed in gradual change rather than a palace coup. The old guard would be slowly eased out and by this summer new faces would appear. So far, by his own admission, the only easing out has been of 31 middle-ranking employees.

Señor Mayor presented a rather abstract and utopian sketch of his medium-term plans to last month's executive board which, however, had the merit of emphasizing the need for "doing less to do better" and attempting to depoliticize Unesco's work.

The executive board rejected his sketch and, under the chairmanship of Mr Iba Der Thiam, right-hand man to Mr M'Bow, a draft resolution was passed setting out guidelines for Señor Mayor to produce a new plan for the autumn.

The guidelines, broader than the Director-General's own ideas, see the reinsertion of a programme based on "Unesco's contribution to peace, human rights and the elimination of all forms of discrimination".

The Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories and apartheid in South Africa will continue to be discussed, although many Western countries consider their place is in the United Nations itself. Señor Mayor says he does not feel bound by these guidelines.

Unesco's rumour factory continues to work overtime. There are hints that Señor Mayor fears upsetting African countries or the Soviet Union, which supported him in the election.

Countries such as West Germany are becoming impatient with continuing inaction and are said to be giving Señor Mayor until the end of next year to prove himself.

Britain continues to contribute substantially to individual projects, such as the World Heritage Convention and the inter-governmental Oceanographic Commission, which it considers worthwhile.

But the longer Britain remains outside the organization the more difficult it becomes for Señor Mayor to convince the Government of Unesco's usefulness.

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PARLIAMENT

Takeover faces delay

BAe wants more time to decide on Rover

HOUSE OF LORDS

British Aerospace had asked at the last minute for more time to examine the revised terms agreed between the Government and the EEC for the company's proposed takeover of the Rover Group, **Lord Young of Graffham**, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the Lords.

Peers complained that the proposed takeover had been thrown into confusion and expressed concern about the future of the group.

Lord Young said: "I told the House when I announced the agreement I had reached with British Aerospace (BAe) for the sale of the Government shareolding in Rover Group that I would try to return to the House before the summer recess to report further developments.

"This morning the European Commission decided the outline terms upon which it would be willing to close its state aid procedure.

"These terms effectively reduce the amount of the cash injection from the Government into Rover Group to £547 million with the consideration remaining at £150 million, but there would have been important relaxations in the tax conditions.

Lord Young: EEC reduced cash injection

"Until lunchtime today it appeared that BAe were prepared to accept these terms. However, at the last minute they have asked for more time to *consider the implications* of other conditions attached to the Commission decision.

"Discussions between BAe and the Government are continuing and I will report to you further as soon as I am able."

Lord Williams of Elvel, chief Opposition Trade and Industry spokesman in the Lords, said that peers were now in almost total confusion. The Opposition was grateful to Mr Peter Sutherland, the EEC Commissioner, for protecting the interest of the British taxpayer rather better than the Government had.

Lord Ezra, for the SLD peers, said that his party was in the same state of confusion. The peers all agreed that they wanted to see the Rover Group as successful as possible. The question is could it be successful under the arrangements now proposed? If this deal goes ahead and BAe were to agree, would it be in the best interests of the motor industry?

Lord Young said that he had had six meetings with Mr Sutherland, carried out in a "very temperate manner" and he had nothing but admiration for the Commissioner.

At the meeting this morning, they had decided the terms. But BAe, having just seen them, had asked Lord Young for further timed.

He hoped to return to the House for the final decision before the recess.

Lord Stoddart of Swindon (Lab) said it was an outrage that the Government had to go cap in hand to a foreign junta for a decision affecting British jobs and British people.

He called for an assurance that the restrictions put by the European Commission on the disposal of Rover would not result in a foreign takeover of Rover.

Lord Young replied that Britain was part of the European Community and therefore there had to be level playing fields throughout Europe.

Lord Harmar-Nicholls (C) said British people were getting resentful that they could not spend their own money in their own way and help their own industry.

President Evren of Turkey visiting the Prime Minister at Downing Street yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

New deficit forecast on the way

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is to issue a revised prediction of Britain's trade deficit. *Mr Alan Clark, Minister* for Trade, said at questions. The deficit in manufactured trade in the first five months had been £5.2 billion.

He was replying to Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab), who asked what excuse the Government had for the ever-worsening deficit in manufacturing.

The official Budget estimate had been close to £4 billion by the end of the year. Was it not time the Government produced a revised estimate or was it too ashamed?

Mr Clark said that 70 per cent of the deficit was accounted for by increased consumer spending. That itself was a function of high earnings and a raised standard of living. "We all know the Labour Party objects to that. It's why it had lost the last three general elections."

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said that prosperous companies such as British Aerospace, Jaguar and Plessey were finding their margins being squeezed by the high rate of the pound. "We need a competitive pound so that industry can really export."

Mr Clark said that he was not sure what was meant by a competitive pound. "The most successful exporting countries are those with the strongest exchange rates."

EEC 'a better negotiator than Lord Young'

Government 'has got itself into an unholy mess'

The Government had got itself into an unholy mess on the Rover deal, **Mr Bryan Gould**, *chief Opposition spokesman on* trade and industry, said after Lord Young of Graffham's statement had been repeated to MPs by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry.

Mr Gould called the statement brief and astonishing and said that the EEC had proved to be a more effective negotiator on behalf of the British taxpayer than had Lord Young.

He asked if the statement was not "an embarrassing confes*sion that the Government has* got itself into an unholy mess, a mess which remains unresolved even at the cost of a humiliating rebuff of the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State (Lord Young of Graffham) and at the cost of conceding to the EEC control over anything — including the Government's pet privatization projects — that might still be called British industrial policy."

The mess had led to the Government's having to answer one or two difficult questions. If BAe decided, as now seemed in doubt, to go ahead with the reconstructed deal, how was it that Lord Young had offered them £250 million more than they were prepared to accept?

"Why was the EEC so much more effective a negotiator on behalf of the British taxpayer than the Secretary of State? Why was he so profligate with taxpayers' money? This is further evidence of just how careless this Government is when it disposes of public assets without *any thought for the taxpayers.*"

If, on the other hand, BAe shareholders refused to back the deal, what did the Government have to put in its place? "Where is the fallback position for which we pressed repeatedly over recent months? Where is the guarantee of the future of the last British volume car manufacturer?"

> ❛ How was it Lord Young offered BAe £250m more than they wanted to accept? ❜

Did not Rover's excellent results today show what had been achieved, and what could be achieved, under public ownership (Labour cheers)? "And do they not demonstrate that this ill starred foray into privatization is an expensive and shortsighted policy?"

If the key to the deal was the tax arrangement whereby BAe hoped to use Rover's tax losses to offset their own price liabilities, would this not fall foul of the incoming Corporation Taxes Act? Was it not this potential illegality, perhaps, that was worrying BAe?

Where was the sense of commitment to the British volume car manufacturing industry which this sorry episode demonstrated was so signally lacking from the Government and now, *sadly, from BAe itself?*

Where was the recognition of the importance of this industry, the guarantees of its future, and what reliance could be put now on an arrangement born of the Government's obsession with privatization and which even then the Government had bungled?

Mr Clarke said that the statement might be short, but it was not in the least embarrassing to himself, Lord Young, or the Government. It had been clear that the agreement was conditional upon discussions with the European Commission.

"In my opinion Lord Young conducted these negotiations with the Commission and BAe with considerable skill (Opposition interruptions and laughter). He had produced an agreement satisfactory to the Government, to the Commission and, as far as I was aware until an hour or two ago, satisfactory to BAe (laughter).

"BAe have at the last moment decided that they wish to reconsider part of the deal. In my opinion the point that is troubling them is not a particularly important or material part, but that is not for me to determine but for BAe."

Of course the scale and structure of the agreement had changed to reflect negotiations with the Commission and compliance with the state-aid procedures, which the Government supported. There had been considerable improvements in the trading position of Rover Group since this had been first entered upon.

"In my opinion, agreement can be reached which is satisfactory, certainly as far as the Government is concerned."

There were proposals about tax arrangements, but they were entirely consistent with the law. The time to give details was when negotiations were concluded. "That is now in the hands of BAe. I trust they will soon come to a conclusion."

Mr Norman Tebbitt (Chingford, C) said that it was entirely consistent with the Opposition's usual attitude that Mr Gould condemned the deal whether it went ahead or whether it did not.

Great progress had been made by Rover, but was it not a fact that, despite what Mr Gould had called "splendid results", it was taking up to £500 million to persuade anyone to take the business away?

In further talks with the relevant Commissioner, Mr Peter Sutherland, would Mr Clarke express the hope that what was sauce for the British goose would be the same sauce for the German gander and appl·· to the proposed merger between MBB (Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohn) and Daimler-Benz with a proposed subsidy of about £1 billion?

Mr Clarke said that when the agreement had been first announced Mr Gould had not been sure whether the cash injection was too large or too small. Mr Gould had condemned today's agreement without knowing what it did.

The problem was not with Mr Sutherland. "We have a satisfactory agreement with Mr Sutherland consistent with the state aid proposals which this Government is in support of."

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab), chairman of the public accounts committee, said that the committee would want to make sure that the Government was getting the best possible deal for the taxpayer and ensuring value for money.

Mr Clarke said that the committee would quite rightly wish to take an interest in this once an agreement had been concluded. The Government was taking great care to see that the interests of the taxpayer, the company and the British economy were looked after.

> ❛ The point that is troubling the company is not a particularly important matter ❜

Mr Timothy Smith (Beaconsfield, C) said that surely the shareholders were entitled to reconsider when there had been such a significant change in the terms.

Mr Clarke said that the shareholders of BAe had not entered directly into the matter. Any agreement that emerged would have to go to an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders.

Mr Terence Davis (Birmingham, Hodge Hill, Lab) said that the uncertainty would cause difficulty for the Rover Group in trying to sell cars in August, one of the most important selling months in the year.

Mr Clarke said that he hoped that any difficulties would be resolved quickly.

Mr Matthew Taylor (Truro, SLD) said Mr Clarke's face was red enough for the Labour front bench. What the sticking point with BAe and what would happen if the deal fell through?

Mr Clarke said that his florid complexion was the natural result of his healthy lifestyle and it contrasted with Mr Taylor's pallor (laughter). It would be wrong for him to talk about the *details of this final snag*, although he was somewhat puzzled about why BAe believed it to be so significant.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) said that if Mr Sutherland could negotiate a £253 million reduction in BAe's bribe, why couldn't the minister?

Mr Clarke replied that there had been changes in the scale and nature of the deal.

Economic miracle 'possible'

If this country were to catch up with Germany, it would need to grow at a rate faster than Germany well into the 1990s, which was a legitimate objective, **Mr John Butcher**, Under Secretary of State, Trade and Industry, said at questions.

"If we continue with current policy, what has been mooted as the British economic miracle can happen."

Mr Sean Hughes (Knowsley South, Lab) said that this country was at least 10 per cent and probably *15 per cent less competitive than the West Germans.* When would the Government policy on interest rates and exchange rates do something to help rather than hinder?

Mr Butcher said that an appreciating currency had been a trend that German manufacturers had coped with brilliantly. They had concentrated on non-price as well as price factors, things such as quality, marketing and design. "We should do the same."

Debate on nurses refused

It looked as if the Government's promise to the nurses to fund their pay award in full would not be fulfilled, **Miss Joan Walley** (Stoke-on-Trent North, Lab) said when she unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on nurses' pay.

There was a danger of a new crisis in the National Health Service, she said. An earlier one this year had been averted by a debate and there should be another debate now.

She was anxious to avoid the NHS's being crippled by nurses leaving it for the private sector. The promised grading review should be independent and objective because the nurses had no confidence in the Government.

Research lab is closed

Mrs Ray Michie (Argyll and Bute, SLD) failed in a an attempt to get an emergency debate on the closure of a marine research laboratory near Oban in her constituency. She said that 20 jobs would be lost by the closure from one of the biggest employers in the area.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; Prime Minister. Finance (No 2) Bill, completion of remaining stages.
Lords (3): Health and Medicines Bill, committee, first day.

Britain has voted to control supply

Call for more action on ozone layer

The Government was urged from all sides to take stronger action in defence of the world's ozone layer in a late-night debate on Tuesday on EEC documents on the control of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and on the ozone layer.

Mr Colin Moynihan, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, moved a motion, later approved without a division, to take note of the documents: to support through EEC-wide action the Montreal protocol on production of CFCs: to control consumption of CFCs and halons by control of supply: and to encourage voluntary action by industry to reduce their use as much as possible.

He said that halons were widely used in fire extinguishers. Research needed to be encouraged into substances with the same effect that were not ozone depletants.

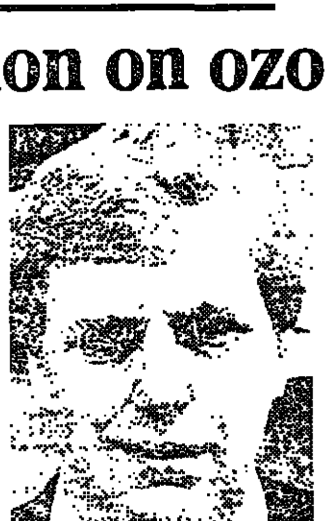
CFCs were used in refrigerators, foam-blowing and aerosol propellants. The Government was taking a very tough line on production. Britain had urged the United States to move from specific bans on CFCs to an overall ban.

Britain had voted to control consumption by controlling supply rather than controlling particular uses, a method that had been shown elsewhere to be insufficient and inflexible. It was allowing market forces to determine the use to which resources should be put.

In Britain, the aerosol industry had announced the phasing out of non-essential used of CFCs by the end of 1989. The Montreal protocol was an important enforcement achievement. Britain would go on to prepare for the first review in 1990.

Mr Allan Roberts, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that the ozone layer was the only one the world had. If no action were taken now because the case was unproven, by the time it was proven it could be too late.

The way forward for the British chemical industry was to do the research and produce substitutes for CFCs. The US was ahead on this and one of the reasons why it was ahead was that the US Government, and as a consequence US industry, had taken the issue much more seriously than Britain had in the past.


Mr Roberts: Demand for research by industry

The Government should assist the chemical industry with research to find substitutes for CFCs. There should be legislation to ensure that all products were labelled and a timetable for a ban on all non-essential uses of CFCs as soon as alternatives were developed.

The protocol was to some extent a confidence trick because consumption was to be cut by half, but production by only 35 per cent so that the difference could be exported.

Mr Michael Stern (Bristol *North West, C) said that the* protocol allowed developing countries to increase production of CFCs. China alone, which was classified as a developing country, would be permitted to increase world production of CFCs by half.

Under the protocol it would be possible purely by the use of the developing-country exception to double the production of CFCs in 10 years. "I find that frightening."

Mr Hugo Summerson (Walthamstow, C) said that Britain simply could not afford inaction. "Even as we sit here there are more and more of these wretched substances being pumped up into the stratosphere."

There were two important things the EEC should do to avoid further damage. It should permit no imports or exports of these substances and there should be mandatory labelling of aerosols.

MPs 'have been misled'

The House of Commons had been misled by discrepancies between statements about Ravenscraig steelworks made by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry, and Sir Robert Scholey, chairman of the British Steel Corporation (BSC), **Dr John Reid** (Motherwell North, Lab) said during questions.

He sought confirmation or denial of Sir Robert's assertion that he had advised the Government some time ago of the "probability" of the closure of the hot stip mill at Ravenscraig. If that information had been given, why was it supressed?

Mr Clarke saw no inconsistency between what he had said in December and what Sir Robert had said, so he did not understand what all the fuss was about in Scotland.

In December, he had told the House that the BSC had predicted that, subject to market conditions, there was a continuing need for steel-making at Ravenscraig for at least the next seven years.

He had also told the House that there was a problem with hot strip mill capacity and therefore he could not say the same about the hot strip mill, although certainly it would be required until the end of this year.

After that, everything depended on market conditions. It was for the chairman and management of the BSC to make their judgements about those conditions.

At the moment, as far as he knew, British Steel had no plans about the hot strip mill and he did not imagine it would have any plans until it saw the state of the market next year.

Mr Alexander Salmond (Banff and Buchan, SNP) asked about the impact of the dismemberment of Ravenscraig on industrial activity. How could it be argued that the anti-Ravenscraig bias shown by Sir Robert was in any way compatible with the comments of Mr Clarke that Ravenscraig was in genuine competition with other steel plants?

"Does he really believe that by privatization the Government can wash its hands of this disgraceful betrayal?"

Mr Clarke said that he could not understand why Scottish members used such phrases as dismemberment.

His remarks in December had been based on British Steel's forecasts of its needs and forecasts of the market place, and he had made clear the Government's position.

So far as the hot strip mill was concerned the Government could say only that its future was guaranteed until the end of the year.

● If British Steel were to consider closing the steel-making plant at Ravenscraig it would consider an offer from the private sector as an alternative, **Lord Sanderson of Bowden**, *Minister of State for Scotland*, said during the third reading in the House of Lords of the British Steel Bill.

He was replying to a motion proposed by **Lord Morton of Shuna** (Lab) that the Articles of Association of any successor company should reflect the responsibilities of the corporation to the Scottish economy. The amendment was rejected by 143 votes to 89 — Government majority, 54.

Lord Morton of Shuna said that past secretaries of state had fought successfully to keep Ravenscraig going. It was unfortunate that the Government had now apparently decided to wash its hands of the project.

In view of the Prime Minister's remarks in the Commons the previous day about Ravenscraig's future, those in Scotland interested in seeing that the plant continued to operate now demanded that it should be given some protection.

Ministers criticized over Barlow Clowes

The Department of Trade and Industry was sharply criticized from both sides of the Commons for its role in the Barlow Clowes affair.

MPs urged **Mr Francis Maude**, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to offer compensation to those who had lost money through *reliance on the DTI inspection* system.

Mr Bryan Gould, Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that the affair was the unacceptable face of capitalism. Mr Maude should not take refuge in the delaying tactic of a departmental investigation, but give acknowledgement now of his department's responsibility and its willingness to compensate for the loss of life savings suffered by virtue of his department's default.

Mr Maude retorted that it was disgraceful to exploit the genuine distress of a lot of people.

"It is outrageous to suggest that my department is in any way seeking to delay. We have been extremely frank and have set up an independent inquiry by someone of great distinction and independence."

Mr Stephen Day (Cheadle, C) had asked for investors in Barlow Clowes to be compensated at an early date in respect of any responsibility borne by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Maude: It would be wrong for me to prejudge the outcome of the consideration Lord Young [of Graffham], the Secretary of State, and I shall give to the Barlow Clowes case, including the report of Sir Godfray le Quesne's inquiry into the facts.

Mr Alfred Morris (Manchester, Wythenshawe, Lab): Has he seen the Ombudsman's comments to me on this scandal? Is he satisfied that a DTI inquiry is enough when another department may be involved?

What immediate help can he offer to Mr Leslie Mullard, who, in his mid-seventies, has lost his whole life savings?

Mr Maude: The Parliamentary Commissioner (Ombudsman) has felt unable to comment on his correspondence with Mr Morris, as it was written to him in confidence. But I was surprised to see reports that the Parliamentary Commissioner felt able to conclude that there was an apparent case of maladministration for the department to answer.

He has since clarified his views and emphasizes that, while an investigation in principle is warranted, that in no way indicates a view of the merits of the case.

It could not possibly do so. The Parliamentary Commissioner has not been in contact with my department at all and statements by ministers on which he is reported to have based his view carried no implication of maladministration.

Whether he investigates individual cases is a matter for him. He is not inhibited by the independent inquiry from conducting an investigation.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab): This has implications for the wider over-the-counter market. The whole over-the-counter market is one gigantic 'con'. Will he close it before thousands more investors lose money in it?

Mr Maude: Many small companies had been able to raise money and create jobs by using that market.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, SLD): How many people invested redundancy money in this organization and saw their money for retirement being lost, while relying on the DTI inspection system? Will he take that very much into account in deciding on compensation?

Mr Maude: I am very much aware, better than most MPs, of how many people invested all their spare money in this company. I am also well aware of the anxiety and distress caused.

It was necessary to draw a distinction between the United Kingdom Barlow Clowes, which was subject to United Kingdom *regulations*, and the *Gibraltar*-based company, which was not.

Programme of legislation

Peers back to work early

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Peers will be asked to return to work during the Conservative Party annual conference in October to finish off this session's heavy legislative programme.

Government business managers have decided on an early return on October 10 because of protests from all sides of the Lords at the prospect of sitting into August.

The problem is the Housing Bill, deregulating the private rented sector and allowing council tenants to opt out of local authority control. Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, has been forced to rethink parts of the radical reforms because *about 200* councils have signalled their enthusiasm for using the legislation to sell off all their housing stock.

The last-minute amendments tabled by the Government delayed its passage through the Commons and it still has to pass through all its detailed scrutiny in the Lords.

Both Houses expect to rise for their long summer holidays on July 28 or 29. The schedule pencilled by business managers for the tail end of the session brings peers back one month before MPs, who are likely to return to Westminster on November 7. Both Houses will then settle final disputes on the Housing, Firearms, and Health *and Medicines Bills* before the end of the 17-month session.

Ministers expect tough fights with peers on all these measures and end-of-session deals and concessions will inevitably be necessary as time runs out — and the tension rises. However, the Queen is likely to open the *new* session on November 15 unless there are any serious hold-ups to the remaining legislation.

Most ministers are on course to get their Bills enacted before the summer recess, as planned, including the big education, poll tax and criminal justice changes.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, promised both Houses early debates on his White Paper on reforming the Official Secrets Act. These, however, might have to wait for the autumn spill-over period.

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Robert Runcie MC, Primate of All England and Metropolitan of Canterbury, once had the indignity to be described by Clive James as "an anodyne divine who'll put unction in your function". James was right, but not entirely in the way he meant. Dr Runcie is a soother away of pain — anodyne: he is a godly and learned man — a divine. And the supplementary definition of unction in the *Concise Oxford Dictionary* — "a sympathetic quality in words or tone caused by deep religious or other emotion" — describes his style perfectly. He is affectionate, decent, loyal, amusing, sentimental and industrious. He is even a great Archbishop of Canterbury, or as great as the age will allow.

Yet he is a failure at his job, though such is the impossible nature of it that success would elude even a saint with genius. He may be presiding over a Church of England in the early stages of breaking up, and over an Anglican Communion in the later stages of the same, but there is almost nothing he can do about it. He movingly quoted and endorsed at the General Synod last week the remarks of Archbishop Frederick Temple that he could imagine nothing worse than a Church of England divided, a far worse fate than a Church of England disestablished. And the synod promptly did the very thing he was pleading with it not to do — by no means the first time it has heard and then ignored him.

The obvious but great mistake in assessing Runcie is to make comparisons between his office and some other, supposedly similar, such as that of a president, prime minister or pope. They all have the power to make things happen or to stop them. Those pulling this way and that need them on their side, and so must persuade them or give way. But hardly anyone needs to persuade an Archbishop of Canterbury, for he has so little power. And thus there is no point in kicking him either. The late Dr Gareth Bennett's famous *Crockford*'s preface attack on Runcie last December, for lacking decisiveness and always going with the crowd, was unjust because these very qualities are part of the job specification. If the church wants firm leadership, it had better first learn some of the necessary conditions of leadability, and create a position from which it can be led. It is not the position currently occupied by the tall and amiable man from Lancashire. He is just the fall-guy, an Americanism all the more appropriate in view of what is likely to happen to him shortly at American hands.

The archbishop was described by his biographer Margaret Duggan as temperamentally a conservative, intellectually a liberal. This is the key to understanding this complex, intelligent and likeable man. When the emotional and intellectual forces in his personality are aligned, he is as formidable as any churchman of his generation: but when they are opposed he is almost visibly unmanned.

Once, as Bishop of St Albans, he had proposed an amendment which the General Synod had debated, and so swayed was he by the strength of the case on either side that he admitted half way through his speech that he did not know whether to press on or withdraw.

An interval of amused silence followed, as the synod waited to see if he could commit himself. He could not, and left it to the synod to choose, siding, just as Bennett unkindly charged a decade later, with the majority whichever way it went. One senses that what was made manifest on that occasion has happened many times in private.

What pains the church just now is the ordination of women: in the Church of England, to the priesthood: in the Anglican Communion, to the episcopate. On the former, at least, Runcie has declared himself intellectually convinced: where he stands on the latter we will know in a week or two. And in a church where intellectual conviction is regarded as the only sort that counts, Runcie is therefore now seen to be unmistakably on the side of women priests. He is a man of strong temperament, however, and his temperament is nothing like as convinced as his intellect. He has run out of arguments; but now he smells danger.

It would be revealing to know what his private thoughts and feelings were at the time Terry Waite set out on his last journey to Beirut. Waite and he were not, by all accounts, getting on too well at the time. It is likely Runcie allowed himself to be persuaded to let Waite go against the advice of his instincts, again smelling danger but having run out of arguments. The archbishop had a bad year last year, inevitably blaming himself for the misjudgement, and for a while went off to Oxford for a rest. He gave all the signs of a man who needed a long conversation with himself, to struggle through a difficult private conflict.

This year he is back in better form, half way through a critical year. Because an Archbishop of Canterbury is *ex officio* the senior among all the bishops and archbishops of the 27 provinces of the Anglican Communion, it falls to him to try to hold the Anglican Communion together, a job no one else could hope to do. That an Archbishop of Canterbury has such a role is one of the few things it can be certain the rest of the Anglican Communion agrees upon. The last Lambeth Conference, to which by custom all diocesan bishops of the Anglican worldwide family are invited each decade, fell just 10 years ago; so it was Runcie's task to call another. And now the 400-plus bishops and their numerous wives and advisers are due to arrive at the university campus just outside Canterbury this Saturday.

Runcie knows it could be the show-down, the last in the long procession of Lambeth Conferences which started with a meeting, at the request of the Canadian bishops, in 1867.

Like the office of Archbishop of Canterbury itself, the meetings have been important but not powerful; a Lambeth Conference is technically no more than a consultation between equal and autonomous parts, in effect separate churches of the Anglican Communion. What has united them in the past unites them less and less as the years go by, those same fundamentals of historic Anglicanism whose demise so grieved Bennett.

Just as the Church of England has moved on from the 39 Articles and the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, relegating them to a place of honour in its museum of doctrinal history, so have the other churches. The influence of English and an English way of looking at things has also declined, and this will be the first Lambeth Conference at which simultaneous translation into other languages has had to be provided.

Out of this Runcie has to extract something like common ground. Yet many of the bishops are coming to Canterbury to do bitter battle. For some, continued association with the Anglican Communion is only acceptable provided women bishops are acceptable to it, at the very least on a "live and let live" basis. For others, little short of a permanent ban on women bishops will keep them in.

The 1978 Lambeth Conference, after much agonized debate, reached a "live and let live" compromise on the ordination of women to the priesthood, mainly because it was an innovation that could be kept out of sight and far away. But the formula barely managed to persuade such opponents as the Bishop of Truro (now the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard) that this would do; and for such as him, agreement this time to the consecration of women bishops certainly will not. But the Americans, who regard women bishops as the natural and logical next step after women priests, do not accept that the Lambeth Conference has any authority to stop them. They come to Canterbury to convert, not to be converted. As an advance gesture of their militancy, some 40 of them have already announced that they will play no part in Church of England services while they are here, as a protest against the English all-male priesthood.

It will be sad for Runcie if these irresistible forces and immovable objects collide before his very eyes; but it will not be his fault. He can only really be judged, in such a desperate case, by how well he handles the damage limitation afterwards. And in that respect, he is the right man in the right place at the right time, precisely because of those qualities which Clive James was so rude about. For at this ecclesiastical function there will be plenty of pain to try to soothe away, by a sympathetic quality of words from a godly and learned leader. And the more he follows his temperament rather than his intellect, the better he will do it.

Clifford Longley

BIOGRAPHY

1921: Born October 2.
1932: Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby.
1941: Brasenose College, Oxford (interrupted by conscription).
1942: Commissioned into the Scots Guards.
1945: Awarded Military Cross, tank action in Holland.
1946: Resumed studies at Brasenose College.
1949: First Class Honours degree.
1949: Westcott House Theological College, Cambridge.
1950: Curate, Gosforth, Newcastle.
1953: Chaplain and vice principal, Westcott House.
1956: Dean of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.
1957: Married Rosalind Turner.
1960: Principal, Cuddesdon Theological College.
1970: Bishop of St Albans.
1980: 102nd Archbishop of Canterbury.
1982: Invited Pope John Paul II to Canterbury.
1988: Presides at Lambeth Conference.

The lesson of Adolfo

artfile

A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland

Once he was a society painter, but who remembers Müller-Ury now?

In his prime, Adolfo Felice Müller-Ury charged $20,000 for a portrait. Now, on the rare occasions they come up at auction, his paintings fetch a miserable £2,000. The tale of Müller-Ury, (1862 to 1947) is a cautionary one. A kind of Van Gogh in reverse. Can his great nephew Stephen Conrad, a graduate in Art History from Birkbeck College, London, restore "Uncle Adolf's" name?

Adolfo studied at Munich Academy and then in Paris under Alexandre Cabanels, a traditionalist. By 1886 he was in the New World, and after rustling up a twinkling portrait (his speciality was eyes) of Cardinal James Gibbons, was established as society's darling portraitist. It seems *everyone* wanted their features refined and immortalized by him. Railway magnate James Hill did; so did the singer Jessica Dragonette and Popes Pius XI and Benedict XV. In the field of Fine Arts, the collector Pierpont Morgan appeared on his list of sitters, as did his friend the dealer Lord Duveen.

Even the Kaiser underwent the treatment in 1909, insisting on a 7ft mirror in which to scrutinize Müller-Ury's every stroke. ("I feared so much that he might pass adverse comment upon my work that at the end I was completely tired out and could work no longer," said the painter afterwards).

His charges soared accordingly, from $800 in 1889 to $1,000 in 1900. By 1920 a portrait cost $20,000 (£5,000). Most encouraging of all for Müller-Ury's aspirations to posterity was a promise from Lord Duveen, at that time financing wings at both the National and Tate Galleries, to build one at the Tate specifically for him. It was to have been filled with Müller-Ury's "Rose paintings", knocked up between portraits like Sunday afternoon Monets.

Adolfo Müller-Ury: his works would face rejection by critics

The case for a Müller-Ury comeback is very hard to prove, largely through lack of evidence. Mysteriously, the family letters were destroyed by his sister. Stephen Conrad has accumulated a mass of photographs of paintings from various attics. Although they give a general impression of classic European portraits, the black and white images are often too fuzzy to draw conclusions.

Another problem concerns the nature of portraiture, whereby interest in the subject is often greater than that in the painter. And so when the sitter dies, so does the painting's appeal. Apart from the Kaiser, most of the lovelies and worthies painted by Müller-Ury are now forgotten.

Finally, even if Conrad were to gather up Uncle Adolf's greatest works and present them to the public the chances are that we would reject them on stylistic grounds. We now judge Müller-Ury and his like against the Impressionists in the 1880s; against Cubism in the 1900s, and so on, and find them retrogressive.

The tale of Adolfo Felice Müller-Ury serves as a lesson to artists and collectors today. Unless, of course, Müller-Ury makes a comeback under Conrad's loving care. As fashion has already proved so fickle, who knows?

SCIENCE REPORT

A wide gaze at the stars

Astronomers making simultaneous use of 16 radio telescopes on three continents have been able to probe the cores of distant galaxies in unprecedented detail. The observations, reported today in *Nature*, set a new record for the observation of minute detail in distant objects.

The same technique, called Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI), also has applications closer to home; in another report in *Nature* this week, researchers in the United States describe the use of VLBI in measuring tiny wobbles in the earth's rotation with an accuracy of 5cm.

The first report describes the work of Norbert Bartel, of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics, and his colleagues. They distinguished between points separated by an angular distance of just 100 arc microseconds. This represents a considerable achievement, recording detail 10,000 times finer than the largest optical telescopes. Observations this detailed are possible because the radio dishes are separated by great distances and the resolution of a telescope is dictated by the width of its aperture. So by synchronizing 16 telescopes across the world, Bartel and colleagues have effectively made a single telescope with an aperture, or baseline, as wide as the earth. Detail is enhanced further by making observations at very short radio wavelengths.

The researchers concentrated on a bizarre object known as 3C84, singled out for special attention as one of the brightest objects at the 43,000 megahertz frequency in the northern sky. It may form the core of a galaxy called NGC1275, which at 261 million light years from earth is the brightest of the Perseus cluster of galaxies.

Now astronomers are becoming more ambitious. Peter Scheuer, of Cambridge University, envisages VLBI links between earth-based and satellite-mounted radio telescopes with a potential baseline four times the diameter of the earth. And space researchers in the United States are thinking of baselines the size of 100 earth diameters which could be operational within 30 years.

Tiny wobbles in the earth's rotation are the subject of another report in *Nature*, by T.M. Eubanks, of the US Naval Observatory in Washington DC, and co-workers. From tiny discrepancies between the observations of two telescopes looking at the same point in space in a VLBI arrangement, the researchers have uncovered small wobbles in the earth's axis with a peak-to-peak variation of less than two hundredths of an arc second. These variations — a wobble of less than a metre — are believed to be caused by the movement of the atmosphere.

Henry Gee

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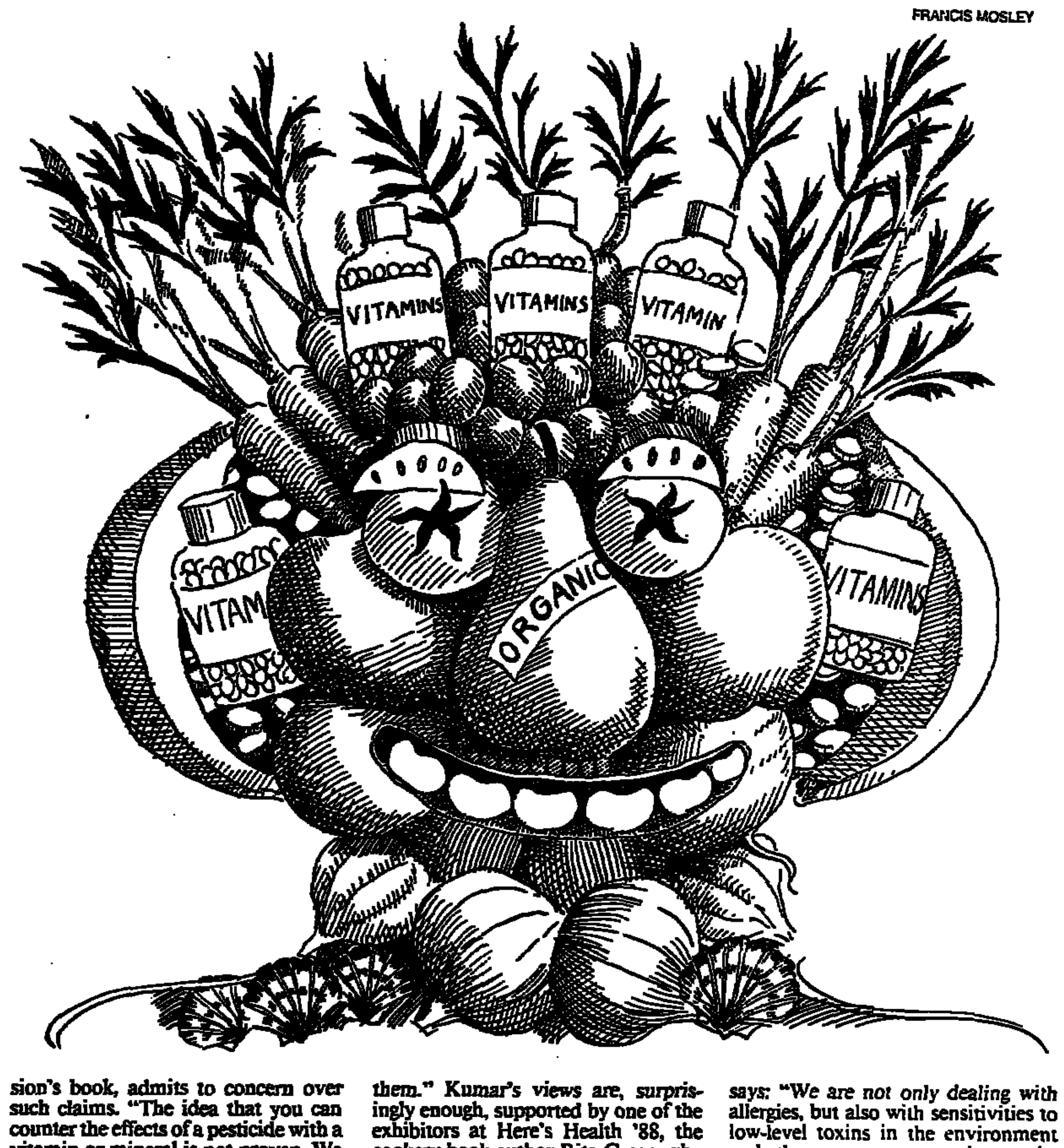
Thoughts for food

Do we have an unhealthy obsession with our diet? **Ann Kent** wonders if allergies are worth worrying about



FRANCIS MOSLEY

Public anxiety about the food we eat has never been higher. We worry about the agricultural chemicals used to grow it, the additives put in during its manufacture, and finally about the effects of the food itself on our wellbeing. Such fears are likely to be fuelled even further by two events occurring today.

The London Food Commission's new book, *Food Adulteration and How to Beat It* (Unwin Paperbacks, £4.95), claims that the statutory watchdogs are asleep in their kennels. According to the commission, although vast quantities of chemicals are used in intensive farming procedures, only one food item in 100 million is tested for pesticides and other residues. Food controls come under the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food but the commission is demanding a separate ministry of food, so that the interests of the consumer are clearly separated from those of the farmer.

The second event is the coming of age of what used to be a small exhibition on alternative health. In the course of one year it has doubled in size, outgrown its old quarters in Kensington, and is now a four-day event at Olympia. Significantly it has changed its title from the Alternative Medicine and Natural Living exhibition to a name which promises much more — Here's Health '88.

Many of the 228 exhibits address our anxieties about what food does and does not do for us. Here's Health '88 promotes organic foods for those who are worried about agrochemicals, while for those who want to leave something out of their diets, there are demonstrations of macrobiotic, vegan, carob, tofu and allergy cooking. If you feel that food, no matter how good, cannot fully meet your nutritional needs, there is every kind of vitamin and mineral pill, herbal product, ginseng, royal jelly and diet supplement.

Martin Hunt, the exhibition's organizer, explains: "In the past, we have been preaching to the converted. But now we are reaching a much wider audience. People are much more aware of the effects of drugs, insecticides and a host of pollutants on their health, and they want to take responsibility for their own wellbeing."

But is this awareness good for the public health? Adult preoccupations with wellbeing and longevity are being extended to children. Thus, alongside marigold therapy for foot complaints and self-healing with quartz crystals, the exhibition features natural medicines for children, aromatherapy for babies and children, advice on getting children off junk food, improving their IQs with vitamins, and demonstrations of "movement" for children.

The concern over nutrition is doing wonders for the food supplement industry, which is currently worth £91 million a year and growing fast.

One message which seems to be delivered with increasing enthusiasm is that environmental pollution increases our requirements for vitamins and minerals. Eric Bronner, one of the authors of the London Food Commission's book, admits to concern over such claims. "The idea that you can counter the effects of a pesticide with a vitamin or mineral is not proven. We want food which is not adulterated and which does not contain carcinogenic pesticides. The claims which are made for food supplements should certainly be scrutinized and controlled."

Many people, however, are comforted by the thought that supplements increase their resilience. After all, most of us cannot escape our environment, but we can afford the odd pound in the chemist's shop. But some doctors believe that a high price is being paid by those who latch on to food as the cause of their woes. They become convinced that they are allergic to most normal foods, and often spend far more than the cost of a food supplement in search of a cure.

"Allergy is a tremendous money spinner," says Dr Parveen Kumar, senior lecturer in gastro-enterology at St Bartholomew's Hospital, who regularly sees patients who believe themselves allergic to foods. "Ten years ago the patients now visiting the allergy clinics would have been seeking the help of a psychiatrist. Now that is unfashionable, they are blaming all the ills of normal life on the food they eat. They visit a private allergy clinic, and then, when the money runs out, they come to me drastically underweight.

"Of course some people are genuinely allergic, like the ones who feel very ill soon after eating strawberries and shellfish. They very sensibly avoid those foods. And some people suffer from coeliac disease, and can't take gluten. But in the middle is a grey area where patients will clutch at anything. They are difficult to treat because they need something which we can't give them." Kumar's views are, surprisingly enough, supported by one of the exhibitors at Here's Health '88, the cookery book author Rita Greer, who is demonstrating allergen-free food preparation. "A lot of these problems are in the imagination of the sufferer," she says.

"She is often a woman of about 45 whose children have grown up and gone away, who uses allergy as a kind of emotional blackmail to try and get some attention for herself. But although the cause may be psychosomatic, she is still ill and she still needs help. Allergy cooking has to be as nutritious as possible, and the average dietician finds this very hard to achieve."

Many children are now being brought to both private and NHS allergy clinics because their parents feel that food or environmental pollutants are causing behaviour problems. Dr Jean Monro is giving a lecture at Health '88 today on childhood allergies. Monro, co-author of the book *Chemical Children* and medical director of a private hospital for environmental illnesses in Hertfordshire, belongs to the new breed of allergy specialists known as clinical ecologists. They believe that allergic responses are to blame for medical problems ranging from depressions and headaches to mood changes and even arthritis.

Much of Monro's talk will focus on hyperactivity, which she believes is caused by food and additive allergies and chemical pollutants such as felt pens, chlorine, paint fumes and floor polishes.

Monro, a qualified medical practitioner who left the NHS in 1984, says: "We are not only dealing with allergies, but also with sensitivities to low-level toxins in the environment and these are very much on the increase. I advise my patients to take vitamins because these act as anti-oxidants which counter the effects of pollution." She emphasizes that her work has been scientifically validated and says her patients are tested for allergies without being told which substances are being tested. Treatments are then tested against placebos in a situation where neither the doctor nor the patient knows what is being given.

But Dr Jan Kuzemko, a consultant paediatrician who runs an NHS allergy clinic for children in Peterborough and is the author of *Is Your Child Allergic?*, believes the condition is over-diagnosed. Harmless rashes and temporary coughs and snuffles are now being labelled as allergic responses by anxious parents, he says, and some children exploit their parents' anxieties about their food, behaviour and environment as a way of getting attention.

He insists that hyperactivity is a very rare symptom of allergy. "What is usually happening is that the child is showing a variation of normal behaviour which the parent finds unacceptable.

"I see children who have already been to private clinics, who arrive with a long list of things which they can't eat or substances which they can't tolerate. Often they have been put on special diets and have shown an improvement for a few days, and then the symptoms come back.

"We haven't yet got perfect allergy tests, and some of the tests used in the private sector are very subjective indeed."

Load off their minds

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Parents of children who have long-standing epilepsy have been worried this week by the problems facing Flora Keays and the thought that their child might have an undetected tumour. But as this is a possibility which doctors always consider, their anxieties are unnecessary. Tumour literally means a swelling, or a lump, so that although malignant cerebral tumours can cause epilepsy, it is a comparatively rare cause of it in children. The term tumour could also be used to describe many conditions other than cancer which might give rise to focal epilepsy — that is, epilepsy originating in an isolated damaged part of the brain.

Fortunately most cases of epilepsy can be controlled by drugs but in the occasional case this is not possible, so that even though the number of fits is reduced the patient continues to have them. *All* major fits cause some reduction in the oxygen supply to the brain, albeit for a short time and therefore do some damage, however minimal. But if a patient has one fit after another this damage can be quite severe.

When epilepsy arises in some particular focus in the brain, the problem for the neurosurgeons is to decide whether to risk a difficult and damaging operation by endeavouring to cut out the focus, or to leave the patient with imperfectly controlled epilepsy and the likelihood of progressive brain damage.

Off the beach

New York residents have been barred from their favourite beaches following contamination by carelessly disposed hospital waste. They may have been less annoyed if they had read a recent report in the *New England Journal of Medicine* which showed that 5 per cent of patients attending an inner-city accident and emergency department were HIV positive. The main risk to any New Yorker who strayed on to the beach would be by pricking themselves with contaminated needles or other instruments, or by standing with cut feet on blood-contaminated dressings. Swimming would pose no threat.

Although America is some years ahead of Britain in the Aids epidemic we should not be too complacent. A little publicized report from St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, involved anonymous testing of 1,200 women attending its ante-natal clinic. (The women did not know their blood was going to be tested, but their serum was carefully processed so that no particular result could be related to any one patient.) It produced nine positive results: of the 800 white or Asian women, three were HIV positive. Three of the 144 black women who gave their country of origin as being in Africa were HIV positive (one of them with HIV2, a related virus); two of the 167 black women born in the UK or Europe and one of the 89 from the Caribbean were HIV positive. A further testing of 1,000 women's serum, not divided by country of origin, gave confirmatory results.

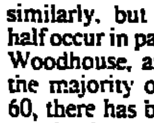
Health care workers can be at risk from HIV positive patients, particularly when undiagnosed. In America there are now 11 known cases of health care workers being infected at work.

Milk round

The DHSS is to launch a campaign in the autumn to encourage breastfeeding, but one woman who *needs no official* encouragement is Mrs Sue Pearson, a 45-year-old housewife from Wick in West Sussex, who is happy lactating even though it is a bull mastiff puppy suckling at her breast and not a *young Pearson. Mrs Pearson* is suffering from galactorrhoea, a condition in which the breasts secrete milk even though she has not had any recent pregnancy. The cause is over-secretion by the pituitary gland of prolactin, the lactogenic hormone. Galactorrhoea is often due to a chromophobe adenoma, a benign tumour in the pituitary, but high levels of *prolactin are also found in* patients with thyroid disease (either under or over-activity), tumours of the adrenal glands or the testes, as well as those taking phenothiazines (major tranquillizers) or some of the morphia substitutes, including methadone. Men as well as women can suffer from galactorrhoea (men, too, can lactate) and in both sexes other symptoms are associated with it. Patients lose interest in sex; the men also become impotent, have a reduced sperm count and develop enlarged breasts; women have irregular periods.

In many cases no cause is found for a raised prolactin level; this is frequently so in *one group of sufferers, the* over-stressed businessman. Hyperprolactinaemia is an occasional reason why the busy tycoon loses his interest in sex: stress may have resulted in over-production of *prolactin and it is this which* sometimes removes his libido.

Avoiding stroke



Admirers of the eccentric as well as dog lovers mourn the death of Barbara Woodhouse, who recently had a second stroke. Every five minutes somebody in the United Kingdom suffers similarly, but as more than half occur in patients who, like Woodhouse, are over 75 and the majority of the rest over 60, there has been a tendency to dismiss strokes as an inevitable hazard of old age and underrate the importance of preventive measures.

A stroke, technically known as a cerebral vascular accident (CVA), is due to the sudden cutting off of the blood supply to part of the brain, so damaging it that it is unable to function. There are three causes; an embolism in which a piece of clot is carried in the circulation until it finally rests, blocking a small cerebral artery; haemorrhage in which a blood vessel in the brain bursts; or a thrombosis in which a narrowed artery is blocked by clot formation.

Whatever the type of stroke, thrombotic, haemorrhagic or embolic, the most common underlying cause is high blood pressure; its careful treatment, together with a modified lifestyle, would do much to reduce the unacceptably high incidence of the disease in Britain.

Obesity, excessive alcohol, smoking and a fondness for a high-salt, high-fat diet are all contributory factors to hypertension, as well as being stroke risk factors of varying importance in their own right.

The correct treatment of heart failure, particularly if the heart rhythm is irregular, is of crucial importance in preventing embolic strokes and doctors will also be anxious to ensure that any elderly patient with a damaged cardiovascular system is prescribed the appropriate antibiotics when he or she visits the dentist or has other minor surgical procedures, thereby reducing the chance of infection spreading to the heart valves from which small infected emboli can break off and be carried to the brain.

● *The item last week about hysterectomies and ovarian cancer contained an inaccuracy. It implied that 10 per cent of women who had hysterectomies later developed ovarian cancer; obviously this was an absurdly high rate. The argument that women who have a hysterectomy should also have their ovaries removed is mainly, but by no means entirely, based on statistics which show that between 5 and 10 per cent of women who have ovarian cancer have previously had a hysterectomy. If they had had a slightly more complex operation their lives would not have been hazarded later. I apologise to any women who were unnecessarily worried.*

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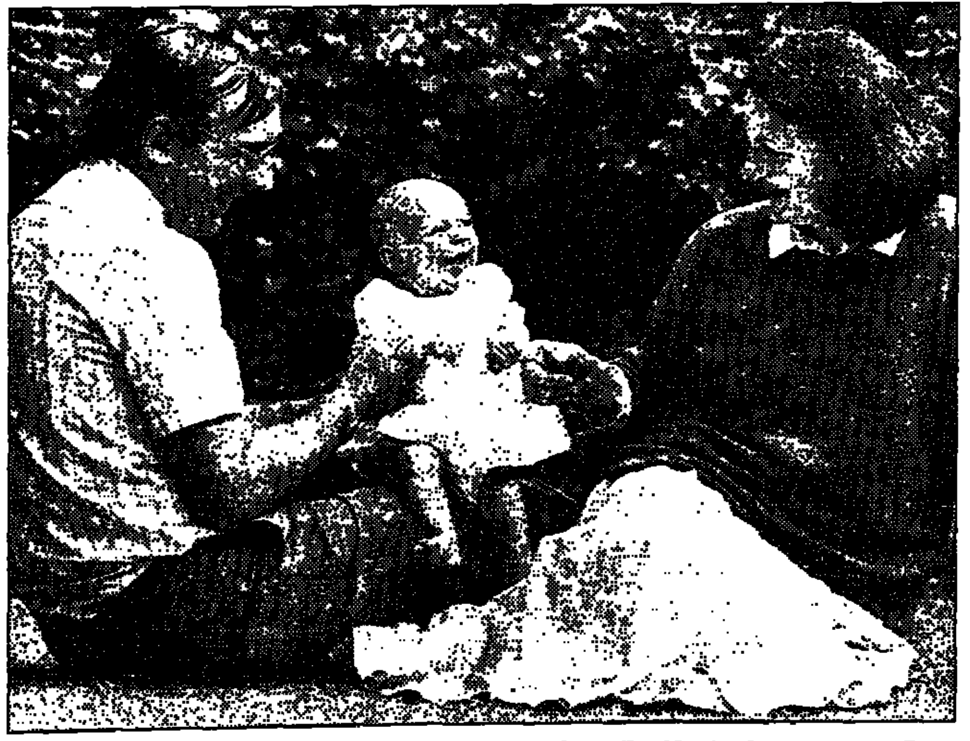
Sharing the grief of a lost child

John Ashton, who watched his two-year-old son die, has helped form Britain's first NHS bereavement clinic



BARRY GREENWOOD

Daughter's delight: John and Sue Ashton, who lost their son David, with four-month-old Sally

It is four years since John and Sue Ashton lost their two-year-old child, David, through cancer. They now have a four-month-old daughter, Sally, and an eight-year-old daughter, Jane, who has never stopped talking about David. The boy still has a special place in the family. When people ask about their children, John and Sue always reply: "We have two girls but we had a son."

John, a 37-year-old chartered surveyor from Chester, says: "We had tremendous support from staff and social workers right up to David's death and just a little bit beyond it. Then the help and support stopped, visits from health visitors ceased just when we needed it most."

Today, he is one of the parents behind a pioneering project to help anybody affected by the death of a child. When it opens this autumn in the grounds of Liverpool Children's Hospital in Alder Hey, the Alder Centre will offer a comprehensive and badly needed counselling service, the first of its kind in the country.

The project extends far beyond the support to parents offered by existing groups. Brothers and sisters, grandparents, even nannies, will be offered counselling; doctors and nurses, often overlooked, will be given training and guidance too.

Helping medical staff cope with their grief is seen as an important service, because by helping them the counsellors will indirectly be helping the family. Junior doctors and nurses are often at a loss about how to react when a child dies on their ward. They can now attend special training sessions to help them handle these delicate situations.

The centre, which has the support of the Liverpool Health Authority, has already raised £40,000 as the result of an appeal but a further £30,000 is needed to guarantee its continuation for more than two years. It is an extension of the work of the "Terminal Care and Bereavement Core Group" set up four years ago by a group of doctors, nurses, social workers and parents to examine how counselling could be improved. It is also a response to the horrific number of child deaths. Last year more than 140 children died at the two Liverpool children's hospitals, Alder Hey and Myrtle Street.

The Alder Centre will be set up as a kind of refuge, integrating all forms of counselling already in existence at the hospital. There will be self-help groups, individual counselling for those who need more specialist help, and group counselling where parents who have suffered a similar loss, whether cot death or terminal illness, are encouraged to talk through their problem in the company of a professional until the acute phase has passed. For the first time, affected brothers and sisters will be able to come together to share their feelings and experiences. There will also be a telephone help service, and advisers to help with the practical side of a child's death — funeral arrangements, for example.

Donal Donnelly-Wood, a Malcolm Sargent social worker helping terminally ill children and their families, is one of the instigators of the scheme and hopes the centre will be looked on as a role model for other hospitals.

He is particularly pleased that the project will help the other children in the family. "Part of working with parents is talking about how their children react," he says. "So very quickly the conversation comes round to how the remaining children are coping. "I can remember one baby dying of leukaemia in our unit, the older brother wasn't allowed in because the parents wanted to protect him. They then had a report from the school that this child, who was normally very lovable and worked well, had suddenly become withdrawn and tearful.

"After this was explained to the parents, he was allowed to visit the brother a couple of times before the brother died. There was a dramatic improvement."

Being on the hospital site, Donnelly-Wood hopes the centre will provide an open door back to the hospital and to the ward where the child died. "We've had experience of parents who have walked up and down the pavement outside not actually having the courage to return to the ward. One father told me how some months after he lost his child, he forced himself to walk across the threshold of the ward to the bed his son used to occupy.

"He needed to convince himself that the child was no longer there and that helped him come to terms with his death."

The way the news is broken could affect how the parents later cope with their bereavement according to paediatric registrar, Dr Robert Scott Jupp. "It's never easy, but you can do it badly or you can do it well and I think it's something we ought to get better at.

"There isn't a counselling service for doctors like myself anywhere and for the newly qualified doctor the experience can be horrendous, it can throw him into complete turmoil. The first child I came across who died. I was terribly upset for quite a long time afterwards.

"I didn't have any idea how to help the parents and I don't think I handled it very well. If you show you're upset it makes you less able to make rational decisions. But doctors do need counsellors who are not their colleagues to help them sort out their own personal feelings."

Sister Jenny Cottrell has had to suffer the loss of many of the cystic fibrosis children on her ward and would welcome this sort of support too. "I usually call a meeting of all the staff when a child dies, including the junior nurses who haven't been that involved. I might ask them — do you think anything more could have been done to save the child?

"The old way of training nurses was to say never get involved, I think that changed, you've got to. You need to show you're human even if it means breaking down."

Barbara Lamb

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TIMES DIARY

ALAN CORREN

In an otherwise pretty comprehensive roster of fringe crackpottery mustered for today's Kensington by-election, the absence of an Anti-Carriage-Drive Tendency candidate strikes me as, quite frankly, astonishing. Is there no one in that hitherto maniacally conservationist constituency prepared to cough up £500 for the opportunity of banging on publicly about the grisly despoliation of our heritage by loose chipping and reproduction urn?

Once, the plump bourgeois villas of Kensington and other pleasant inner suburbs were aproned by green lawns girt with privet and punctuated by hydrangea bush and hybrid tea. But over the past few years these have been systematically replaced by oxblood-coloured tarmac forecourts horribly planted with polystyrene tubs and BMWs. What makes this ruin especially irritating is that most of these large houses have garages so it is clearly not a question of necessary off-street parking. The question it is clearly of is display. The carriage-drive is not for carriage-driving on, it is for carriage-parking on. It is for sticking the 450SEL in, behind the Audi Estate, with the 944 Turbo bringing up the rear. This says more about you than geraniums ever can.

I have nothing against German ironmongery, but it is not, God wot, a lovesome thing, and I am deeply disappointed that the caring folk of Kensington, who once campaigned so successfully against the binliner mountain, have not found a champion for this yet worthier cause.

Still, the well-heeled do have their own special crosses to bear. More and more these days, I find myself having to disengage from fascinating conversations about the difficulty of finding decent plumbers in Antibes, or the gratifying boom in post-Impressionist prices, and stroll outside for a breath of fresh air. So, puzzled by what I observe to be an unhappily increasing social hazard, I telephoned my dentist to inquire why it was that the rich appeared to be developing bad breath.

"Jacket crowns", he said instantly.

"Aha", I said as if I understood.

"Yes", he said, as if he guessed I didn't. "Twenty years ago, there was, among those who could afford it, a vogue for full mouth reconstruction. They paid £5,000, and we rebuilt their heads. We filed their existing teeth to pegs, and we fitted impeccable surrogates in their place."

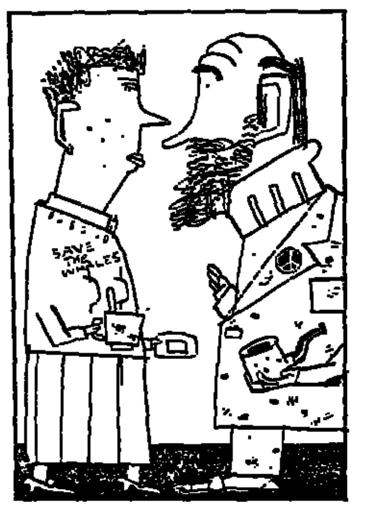
"Hardly impeccable", I countered, "if the net effect was halitosis capable of de-scaling a kettle at fifty paces."

"Not our fault", he snapped. "Patients were warned that unless they were assiduous in cleaning their prostheses where they joined the gum, the long-term prognosis indicated periodontal decay. That, I am afraid, is what is now happening. It must be very worrying for them."

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown", I murmured.

"I don't find that even mildly amusing", he said.

BARRY FANTONI



'Dave's depressed. He's caught between booking a cheap holiday in Turkey and going on an Evren demo'

Like many people who did not, at a critical stage in their lives, seize the opportunity to toss a few essentials into a carpet-bag, ship aboard a rusting scow, and head for a satisfying career combing the beaches of Tahiti, I find myself, today, attending lots of business meetings.

Since it would obviously be ungraciousness itself to make this plea specifically and face-to-face, may I suggest generally, and in the public interest, that a current buzz-phrase be dropped from the executive lexicon before someone sitting opposite me gets felled with a Perrier bottle.

The phrase is, "I hear what you say."

Its sub-text (hidden agenda?) is, of course, anything from "but it is a load of codswallop" to "and I intend doing sod-all about it". I should normally have let it die a natural death, as such bits of tacky gobbledegook are prone to do, had I not been at a media-folk meeting last week when one man said "I hear what you say" to the man next to him, and the man next to him thought for a bit, and replied "I heard what you say" back. It was then that I decided something had to be done.

Lumbering athletically about the tennis court on Monday, I noticed that my backhand had suddenly become even more unpredictable, in that whenever I played the shot I shrieked in agony and dropped my racquet. However, since the membership of my club is of a vintage which spends most of its sporting life in traction, names of reliable physiotherapists were being shouted across the green sward even as I crumpled. I hobbled home, changed, selected the nearest address – which just happened to be in Wigmore Street and hailed a cab.

He pulled up outside an Edwardian mansion block. "Would you mind waiting?" I said. "I shan't be long".

He looked at me. I pressed the brass bell push, and an unnecessarily stunning girl in a white frock opened the door. After about 20 minutes of pummelling and ultrasound, she let me out again.

"Anyone famous in today?" said the cabdriver.

"What?"

"Polo players, Frank Bough, catch my drift?"

"I've hurt my arm", I said, coldly.

"Doesn't surprise me," he said, and let in the clutch.

Mary Dejevsky on a local dispute that has become a crisis for Russia

Minefield in the Caucasus

Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountain region deep in the trans-Caucasus, with a population of fewer than 200,000, has precipitated the most delicate constitutional crisis the Soviet Union has known. It has also presented Mr Gorbachov with a problem in which every solution he grasps has to be wrong.

On Tuesday, the five-month dispute about who should administer Nagorno-Karabakh reached a new impasse when the region's governing soviet issued a unilateral declaration of independence. It asked the central government in Moscow to change the region's name to the Artsakh autonomous region of Armenia and announced its intention of effecting the region's secession from the republic of Azerbaijan and its transfer to Armenian jurisdiction.

Immediately, the government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, of which Nagorno-Karabakh is territorially and administratively a part, met in emergency session to pronounce the declaration unconstitutional and so null and void. The region's future is now to be decided by the USSR Supreme Soviet in Moscow.

Taken by itself, the declaration of independence by Nagorno-Karabakh can be little more than an expression of exasperation that none of the region's requests to be transferred to Armenia has yet been heeded. The region does not have the power to put its declaration into practice. Unpalatable though this is to the 75 per cent of the region's population who are ethnic Armenians, Azerbaijan has the economic clout and the constitutional right to thwart their ambitions.

If the dispute had involved only Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan, the authorities in Moscow might have been tempted to let the protest exhaust itself. Subsidizing a region which is on indefinite strike – and has been since February – is expensive, but if part of the argument is about living standards (which it initially was), the solution was bound to cost money. Moscow's first response was to offer money. It blamed Azerbaijan for the backwardness of Nagorno-Karabakh, and recommended bread in the shape of better supplies, and circuses in the form of Armenian television programmes.

By then, however, the focus of the dispute was no longer money – if it had ever been. It was a question of national autonomy and the right of a national group to self-determination. It had also become a dispute not only between Nagorno-Karabakh and the republic of Azerbaijan – which could arguably be regarded as an internal republic matter – but a dispute between Azerbaijan and Armenia, two neighbouring constituent republics of the Soviet Union. The fact that most Armenians are Christian and most Azerbaijanis Muslim added a religious and cultural aspect which complicated matters still further.

In trying to find an acceptable solution, Moscow is hamstrung by the irreconcilability of the demands being made. Any concession to one side will automatically be seen as a defeat by the other. If the USSR Supreme Soviet decides that Nagorno-Karabakh should remain territorially part of Azerbaijan, with no more than extra subsidies to console its Armenian population, this will alienate most people in the republic of Armenia which is a relatively prosperous and successful republic.

If, though this looks unlikely, Moscow decides that Nagorno-Karabakh should be transferred to Armenia, by virtue of its ethnic composition, Azerbaijan will be outraged. Worse, from Moscow's point of view, is that ethnic enclaves in other Soviet republics would cite Nagorno-Karabakh as a precedent for their case to be considered as well. The knock-on effect of any agreement by Moscow to the transfer of Nagorno-Karabakh is the strongest card Azerbaijan holds.

The possibility of secession – a word that has been steadfastly avoided in official Soviet reports of the Nagorno-Karabakh crisis – would also fuel the ambition of whole republics for more autonomy. The three Baltic states would be among the first to exploit any hint that secession – a right enshrined in the USSR constitution – exists in practice as well as theory.

Unlike the simmering nationalism in the Baltic states, the dispute in the Caucasus has nothing to do with alleged Russification. If anything, however, this makes it more difficult for Moscow to solve. The heavy hand from Moscow, in the form of central intervention – military or otherwise – will only attract the opprobrium of both sides to Moscow. There was a foretaste of this ten days ago when Soviet interior ministry troops trying to break a two-day blockade of Yerevan airport were attacked by protesters.

Armenia has suggested a number of options which would allow the transfer of Nagorno-Karabakh from Azerbaijan but stop short of its incorporation into Armenia. It says the region could be governed either by the USSR government direct from Moscow, or by the government of the Russian Federation, or it might be incorporated into the Caucasian region of Stavropol, which is Mr Gorbachov's home region and part of the Russian Federation.

While any of these options might seem to Armenia to be a concession, to Azerbaijan they all imply a loss of territory, and defeat. The USSR Supreme Soviet might consider direct rule from Moscow as a temporary measure, but Azerbaijan would want strict assurances before it would find that acceptable.

In Moscow, outside party and government circles, the ethnic dispute in the Caucasus has been regarded as a local dispute of little national interest. Three weeks ago, before the latest wave of strikes in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh's declaration of independence, I heard a young Armenian and his Muscovite girlfriend discussing the dispute. She was dismissive, seeing it as just another example of the fiery southern temperament. He was insulted by her offhand attitude. To him, a well-educated young manager, the fate of Nagorno-Karabakh had become an matter of national and personal pride.

His awakened nationalist passion is matched by the equally staunch nationalism of his contemporaries in Azerbaijan, and that of their contemporaries in the other "minority" areas of the Soviet Union. These – the young, the educated and the aspiring – are the people Mr Gorbachov needs for his modernization programme. They are also the people whose support he stands to lose – in their thousands and tens of thousands – however he proceeds in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Bernard Levin

Socialism's farewell

There has been much amazement expressed here at the discussion of economics in the recent fateful gathering in Moscow. Much of the amazement was inexcusably naive, as if it had taken Mr Gorbachov to explain to the world that the Soviet economy was inefficient: considering that after 70 years of Communism the Soviet Union has still not succeeded in making anything anyone elsewhere would want to buy (nor anything the Russian people would want to buy, either, but they, poor devils, have never had any alternative), the news that the Soviet Union doesn't work should not have been accorded the status of revelation. (I wouldn't be surprised if Mr E.P. Thompson burst into tears when he learned what had been said, and I dare say that Mr Chris Mullin is furiously denying it).

But Mr Gorbachov's suggestions for economic reform, which could hardly be distinguished from a speech by Mrs Thatcher, are the merest dablings in the shallows of the truth when matched against recent news from China. When I read the Reuter dispatch in *The Times* I truly wondered whether it wasn't an elaborate hoax; for if Mr Gorbachov is preparing his people for a cold bath in Thatcherite reality, there can be only one explanation of the Chinese revelations, and that is that a secret army from the Institute of Economic Affairs has recently invaded China, swept away all resistance with the force of its *blitzkrieg* and installed Professor Hayek as President, with the leading ministerial portfolios held by Lord Harris of High Cross, Mr Arthur Seldon and Mr Graham Mather, and the post of Special adviser to the Chinese treasury going to Professor Minford.

I think it is worth the space to reprint the item in its entirety, for those who missed it:

> Nearly 25 per cent of China's urban workforce is superfluous, and unemployment is inevitable and good for the economy, the official press said yesterday in an unprecedented attack on the concept of jobs for all. The *People's Daily* claimed that up to 30 million of the total urban labour force of 130 million had nothing to do and passed time at work playing poker or chess, watching television or racing on bicycles. It said that this army of the underemployed cost the state up to 60 billion yuan (£8.9 billion) a year in wages and benefits, equal to half of what the treasury received in taxes and profits from state-owned industries. Gross overstaffing led to low efficiency and made for a nation of slackers.

Well, wouldn't *you* think that must be the work of a drunken sub-editor under notice? My casual distinction between Soviet Thatcherism and Chinese Adamsmithism is more real than I had realized, for the Prime Minister would never have *said* such things even in her angriest and most pessimistic moments at the outset of her own crusade and would hardly even have thought them. But for the Chinese rulers to describe the whole of China in terms which remind us of British Leyland at its worst, all those years ago, suggests that the days of earthquakes are not yet over.

Some of the details, of course, strike a genuinely comic note, reinforcing the hallucinatory quality of the whole affair; for under-employed Chinese slackers to spend their time watching television is hardly surprising, though I doubt if Chinese television is a riot of fun from morning to night, and chess would doubtless appeal to the more cerebral of the lead-swingers, but poker must be about as un-Chinese a pastime as could be imagined, and bicycle-racing to while away the superfluous hours strains credulity.

But when the laughter has died down, a serious note can be heard. My mention of the IEA and its warriors was not just plucked from the air; what that organization and its associated bodies deal in is *reality*. The whole corpus of their work, the heart of which is the Hobart Papers, has always been directed to establishing such propositions as that water does not run uphill, that Wednesday has never been found between Saturday and Sunday, that not even the most skilful weaver can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, and above all that nothing but bewilderment, pain and failure await those *qui cherchent midi à quatorze heures*. And it seems that the Chinese authorities have finally been convinced of these surprising but important truths.

The Chinese are no more keen than is Mr Gorbachov to announce that socialism is a recipe for nothing but beggary; what words they wrap that truth in, however, are unimportant. What matters is that they should face reality. But what is the reality that they have at last come to face? It is that the only road to efficiency and prosperity (and, incidentally freedom, but that is another theme for another day) is the liberation of the individual to strive for himself and his family. The single most telling fact I ever learned about the Soviet Union was that although only three per cent of all farming was private, the three per cent turned out 40 per cent of all production. And for all I know the ratio may be even more extreme by now.

The Chinese rulers are not, or not yet, talking about individual enterprise. But if a state economy is said, in such stark terms, to be so inefficient that a quarter of the workforce is superfluous, there can only be one road out of the trap.

It is important to recognize that although such news out of China is astonishing, the free world has been moving, unsensationally, in the same direction for a long time. When the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the other day, foretold the privatization of the very last of the nationalized concerns, it caused hardly a flurry, let alone thunderbolts.

I recall that when M Mitterrand was first elected President of France I feared not only for the French economy, which can do what it likes as far as I am concerned if it doesn't harm M Pic, but also for Nato. Yet from the start, M Mitterrand has been as staunch in Nato's defence as Britain has, and even more than Germany; more to the point of my theme, he embarked on a series of Socialist economic measures which nearly destroyed his country, then abandoned them all overnight and got on instead with policies that worked. And it is certainly not only Britain, France and the United States that are abandoning *dirigisme* for the recognition of market forces and the encouragement of enterprise based on that recognition; the tide has flowed (via South Korea and Taiwan) as far as the Antipodes, where the Hawke and Lange governments are called Labour, but the policies are as Tory as even Madame would wish. Even some of our own hopeless Labour Party, with its hapless leader, have seen reality, though whether Mr Ron Todd will permit them to describe what they have seen is still not known.

The end of socialism has been often prophesied, not least by me. But the present time seems more propitious than ever for the burial. I cannot remember which General Election had "Set the People Free" as the Conservative battle-cry, but it was a very long time ago, and the result certainly didn't free any of the people. We are still too close to Mrs Thatcher's revolution, which in any case is not yet nearly finished, to give it its exact place in the international flotilla that caught the tide. But for once we can seek our exemplar in an exotic quarter. When it is officially announced in China that 30 million workers out of 130 are not needed, and that they are ruining the country by receiving wages and benefits and doing nothing in return, and that such over-staffing is the cause of inefficiency, and that unemployment is good for the economy – why, then, I think, it is time that skilled epitaph-writers were invited to compose socialism's farewell. But of course the commission would have to be subject to properly competitive tendering.

Commentary • WOODROW WYATT

When seconds count

Commander Glenn Brindel was captain of the US frigate Stark. In May last year, while on patrol in the Gulf, an Iraqi aircraft was sighted approaching his ship. Commander Brindel had only a second or so to decide whether to bring it down. He hesitated. Missiles struck the ship, killing 37 sailors and ending his naval career.

When an Iranian Airbus was sighted approaching the US warship Vincennes Captain Will Rogers had to make his split-second decision. The aircraft had not responded to seven demands for identification. The Vincennes was in an area where it had just been fighting Iranian gunboats after an Iranian attack on a Norwegian merchant ship the night before. Captain Rogers rapidly decided not to risk having his ship struck as the Stark had been.

Immediately the United States apologized for the terrible mistake. Captain Rogers was widely criticized for having got it wrong, though no equipment available to him could have told the difference between an Airbus and an Iranian military aircraft in the brief moment he had before making his decision. The Iranians knew there was fighting in the area yet they let the Airbus take off. It was like sending an Imperial Airways passenger plane over Dover during a Battle of Britain dogfight.

Because of the incident some in America query the validity of the US presence in the Gulf. Others elsewhere have once more asked that peace-keeping in the Gulf should be conducted by a United Nations fleet. If that happened, command and control would be impossible and Iranian attacks on peaceful shipping would mount. The US navy is right to be there along with warships from Britain and other countries. The Iranians are the main culprits in attacks on tankers and other merchant ships, with subsequent loss of life, and must take the blame for the ghastly mistakes which may happen in an area they have made so dangerous.

In democracies second guessing of the man on the spot is an ancient habit. There are always those, pondering at leisure, who say they would have acted differently, though they have no notion of the speed with which a decision had to be taken and the prevailing conditions. Inquiries are spawned to unravel who did what and why he did not do something else. If some essential secrecy is involved there is a clamour for all the secrets to be revealed.

On March 6, in Gibraltar, three IRA terrorists were shot dead; a fourth was never found. Seven SAS soldiers were involved. Work by the Spanish authorities, in co-operation with the Gibraltar police, had revealed an IRA plot to detonate a car bomb at the end of a guard-mounting parade by the Royal Anglian Regiment, which had recently been in Northern Ireland. The ceremony was to be in a confined space near a school and an old people's home. There would have been many spectators, including children. Scores of civilians would have been killed or maimed as well as soldiers.

The surveillance on both sides of the Gibraltar border had been so good that the identity of the terrorists was known, as were the details of their plot. After they were shot the IRA made no complaint, proudly describing the three killed as being "on active service".

Those who consider themselves to be on active service know the risk they run of being killed, and IRA terrorists are totally reckless about how many victims they kill. The slaughter at the Enniskillen Armistice Day service is sufficient evidence of that, though the memory of it is already fading. No doubt if the perpetrators of that massacre had been identified and shot before they were able to complete their devil's work there would have been vociferous demands for an inquiry as to why they had not been politely arrested and tried.

The problem the SAS had in Gibraltar was that they did not know precisely where the explosives were, though they were discovered later, and what method of remote or other detonation would be used. They saw three of the terrorists and took no chances. Suppose they had hesitated and all the terrorists had got away and managed to set off the bomb. Then there would have been an outcry that the SAS had failed in their duty.

To be useful, the SAS, to whom the Iranians owe gratitude for the rescue of hostages in their London embassy, must be anonymous and not readily identifiable. If they are not, not only would their own lives be at risk but the lives of those who are saved by their prompt and efficient action. The mere mention of secrecy in Britain excites demands by the media and many politicians to be told everything.

Mr Felix Pizzarello, the Gibraltar coroner, wants the seven SAS soldiers to attend the inquest on September 5. He will not allow them anonymity from the jury or the lawyers, including those representing the terrorists' families. IRA pressure on those who saw the SAS men to describe them, or in other ways reveal their identity, would be intense. They could easily be victims of the IRA; their cover for anti-terrorist activities would certainly be blown.

The SAS soldiers have been told by the Government they need not attend the inquest if they do not wish to. They should stay at home. All the inquest needs to do is to record that three IRA terrorists on a murder mission, and described by the IRA as "on active service", were killed. Probing into the hows and wherefores must weaken the anti-terrorist campaign. It would also weaken the resolution of men anywhere who have to make split-second decisions and who might hesitate and make the wrong one.

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It was during these Olympic Games that the frail but indomitable marathon runner, Dorando Pietri of Italy, re-entered the stadium in the lead, turned in the wrong direction, collapsed, and was mistakenly helped up by officials. He lost the race.

THE KING AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

There is no one living more fitted to pen and in one sense preside over the fourth Olympiad than King Edward the Peacemaker, just as there is no more suitable arena for the games than the capital of the country which in fieldsports has been the forerunner of the other nations. It cannot but make for the prospects of the world's peace that 19 of the world's civilized States should meet in the friendly rivalry of the simplest and cleanest form of sport . . .

London awoke on Monday morning to the sound of rain so heavy and so incessant that there seemed grounds for hope that long before the hour appointed for the opening of the proceedings, the clouds would have rained themselves dry . . . and the roadway through the Exhibition grounds rapidly turned into a sea of liquid mud.

The effect of the procession [of athletes] was to a certain extent marred by the fact that several of the competitors appeared in mufti. This was the case with the first three nationalities that passed before the Royal box, and the Danes, who were placed fourth in the march past, were the first to make a really brave show. In front was a squad of girls, dressed in neat white skirts and creamy yellow stockings, and the men gymnasts and athletes . . . The French, some dressed in blue serge; some in white with white peaked caps, and the Dutch, some of them in blue uniforms, rather like our postmen's, others in red, white and blue jerseys, and others, especially strong looking, in black jerseys and shorts, were both exceedingly workmanlike. The Italians, in straw hats, black coats, and white knickerbockers, were very neat, and so were the Norwegians, some all in white, others looking like volunteers in uniforms of grey. Half-a-dozen officers, in full uniform and cocked hats, marched at the head of the Swedish contingent, a splendid body of athletes. Next came the Finns, in white with blue sashes . . .

The United States representatives, who were preceded by a gentleman in a frock coat and top hat, were wearing ordinary clothes and caps with badges, but that did not prevent their being received with shouts of general applause, punctuated by the college yells with which the visits of Harvard and Yale athletes have made us familiar. After the Americans came the Australasians, few but fit, mostly in shorts and green and black jerseys; the Canadians, also not very numerous, in white coats, trousers, and caps, and the South Africans, in green shorts and jerseys, braided with yellow. Our own representatives, of course much the largest body of athletes, were headed by about a dozen Oxford and Cambridge "blues" in their light and dark blue coats and running-shorts . . .

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MILDNESS OF MARRE

The report of the Marre committee is the response of the legal profession to the Government's wish to see market forces operating more freely in the supply of professional services. The committee's parents were the Law Society and the Bar Council, a combination of entrenched interest groups which produced strengths and handicaps, both of which are visible in its final recommendations.

Its strength was that any recommendations that did not carry the twin professions with them would be hard even for this Government to impose. Its weakness was its lack of adventure. It tended to arbitrate between barristers and solicitors where they differed, not to challenge them when they agreed.

For example, on its major recommendation – that suitably "licensed" solicitors should be allowed rights of audience in the Crown Court – it offers no analysis of arguments in favour or against the extension of this right to the High Court or the Court of Appeal. The Law Society declared in its submission to the committee that solicitors should have unlimited rights of audience in all courts; but the question was not pressed.

The tone of the report is comfortable and conservative. Thus it concludes without argument that the work of legal advice agencies should be seen as complementary to the advice of a solicitor rather than a substitute for it. Its judicious arbitration between solicitors and the Bar showed a committee that was anxious, probably too anxious, not to generate a minority report. In the case of the Crown Court recommendation it was unsuccessful in this respect. All of the barrister members of the committee declared themselves against any such extension of solicitors' rights.

None the less the Marre committee has produced a number of significant and welcome proposals. The proposal to extend the right of solicitors to appear in Crown Courts is one, even though it is attended by the imposition of yet another restrictive practice, the establishment of a "Rights of Audience Board" which would examine solicitors (but not barristers) for their competence to plead. Two solicitors on the committee had the good sense to oppose this proposition insisting that they were trying to liberalize the current rules not introduce further restrictions.

There was also dissent when a majority of the independent members expressed the view that there should be complete general access to the advice of a barrister without the necessity of approaching a solicitor first. In this they were opposed by both arms of the profession. The committee restricted itself to endorsing unanimously the idea that other professionals – accountants, surveyors and the like – should have direct access.

General direct access would, it was argued, involve a total reconstruction of a barrister's working life. It would bring the need to hire additional staff to receive and filter the litigious, and involve him or her in time-wasting analysis of issues which ought to have been sorted out by a solicitor.

The committee itself, however, points out a useful analogy with the medical profession, in which, although the public does have direct access to a specialist if it wishes, the vast majority of patients still prefer to go through a general practitioner. Many people would take the analogy still further and insist that when a patient is referred to a specialist the general practitioner does not accompany him to the consulting room. In the same way there is no universal need for the solicitor to accompany a client to a barrister's chambers – sometimes doubling the costs.

One of its most interesting recommendations concerns the extension of parliamentary supervision of the legal system. When the present system of select committees was initiated no committee was given the task of overseeing the Lord Chancellor's department. That was thought to smack of parliamentary interference with an independent judiciary.

In examining the legal aid system, however, the committee – anxious to be seen keen to extract value for public expenditure – considered a complete reorganization of the Lord Chancellor's department and the creation of a Ministry of Justice. In the end, it turned away from such radicalism, but the report now persuasively urges that a select committee of the Commons be given the job of monitoring legal aid and the provision of public funds for legal services.

Among other sensible moves, the committee points out the anomalies in the right of solicitors to become High Court judges. It rightly endorses the Law Society's recommendation that solicitors should be eligible for appointment. Lady Marre has coaxed from her team a report which, although some may see it as too mild, recommends a number of useful steps forward.

BACK TO SCHOOL

All in all it has been a good seven days for parent power. The success of a group of Derbyshire parents in blocking the merger of two comprehensive schools was followed by yesterday's victory for the Dewsbury parents who were happier that their children be taught in a pub than at a predominantly Asian school.

But after the champagne corks have popped in the Thornhill Lees Hotel – now returned exclusively to its usual business – it is as well to take a calmer look at the High Court settlement agreed yesterday between the parents and Kirklees Metropolitan Council. Now is not the time for gloating triumphalism; nor for the prophets of educational doom to predict endless court cases disrupting the country's schools while irresponsible parents fight for unreasonable rights.

With the council and the parents still accusing the other of racial bias – the ingredient which marked out this particular dispute from other parent-authority arguments and which may have led Mr Kenneth Baker to keep well away from it – Lord Justice Glidewell made it clear that the court was not going to rule on this. Nor was he to rule on the other claims from the parents concerning the teaching of Christianity at Headfield Church of England school.

Kirklees conceded the parents' case on the grounds that there had been a technical irregularity in not publishing school admission policies. A victory for a principle has been won on a technicality. Twelve months of acrimony, with 22 children deprived of the benefits of an ordinary school environment, have happened because somebody forgot to follow the rules.

The situation in Dewsbury was always going to be sensitive. It demanded that officials dealing with the parents made doubly sure that at least the paper-work was in order: a lesson that should be learnt by the country's other local education authorities as they grapple with the changes forced on them in the Education Reform Bill which will become law at the end of this month.

Among the many clauses designed quite properly to give the schools back to the parents is the open enrolment policy which, wherever possible, will allow parents to choose the school they want for the children rather than relying on bureaucratic whim. From September schools will be obliged to take children up to a maximum number set in most cases at the 1975 levels when school rolls were at their highest.

Until now some local education authorities, often to protect less popular schools, have set lower limits. Had the reforms been in place last year it is probable that the Dewsbury dispute would have been avoided, but there will inevitably still be arguments between disatisfied parents and unhelpful local authorities.

Only tact, care and meticulous attention to detail will ensure that unnecessary unpleasantness like that at Dewsbury can be avoided. There will be no place for political dogma or the belief that the town hall bureaucrats know what is best for the country's children. Much of the power to determine their children's future will be returned to the parents. If a few misuse it, that does not invalidate these welcome reforms.

POOR PLAY BY ORTEGA

Less than six months after cutting off US military aid to the Contras in Nicaragua, a number of Congressmen would now like to start it up again. If they succeed, President Ortega who leads the Sandinista Government in Managua, will have only himself to blame.

Relations between the two countries went from bad to worse this week as diplomats and recriminations flew angrily to and fro between their capitals. Unless they can be repaired within a month or two, the Central American peace plan, conceived last year, will lie in tatters. The Nobel prize it won for its progenitor, President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica, will be proved premature.

The plan reached its first main objective late in March when the Sandinistas and the Contras agreed a ceasefire. But expediency always seemed to play as big a part in this as did any genuine commitment to a settlement. The early collapse of the subsequent peace talks only confirmed the fragile nature of their truce.

Events this week would seem also to confirm the frailty of Senor Ortega's reform programme. Coaxed in the direction of press freedom and political democracy, he abruptly moved against his critics at the weekend, closing *La Prensa* newspaper and *Radio Catolica* and arresting several opposition leaders. Finally, he expelled the American ambassador and seven of his staff – accusing them of plotting against his Government. It was, said Mr Shultz, the United States Secretary of State, "an outrage."

It was certainly unwise for several reasons. In the first place, it has damaged his regional credibility. The concessions he made last year on human rights were greeted with proper scepticism by his critics. None the less, they encouraged his neighbours and helped to persuade Congressional liberals to vote against military aid for the Contras. It seemed just possible that President Ortega, beset by economic problems and blessed with few friends, had chosen the path towards peace and compromise. He will now have to try rather harder to persuade the world once again of his sincerity.

In the second place, he has lost any chance of taking the inducements offered by the Reagan Government. Following the breakdown of the peace talks, the Administration let it be known that it was reaching for both carrot and stick (aid on the one hand, a diplomatic offensive on the other) to prompt a return to the negotiating table. With their ambassador now expelled, however, and relations between them almost at breaking point, it is hard to see many carrots now being offered.

Whether Congress will go so far as to put military aid back into the programme for the Contras remains to be seen. But the Contras' call for $30 million to buy anti-aircraft rockets and replenish their depleted ammunition stocks looks less forlorn than it did a week ago.

No doubt Senor Ortega felt relatively safe because of November's election in America. Mr Dukakis, still comfortably ahead in the opinion polls, has been fiercely critical of US policy in Central America. But he has now chosen a conservative running mate whose views on the Sandinistas are much more realistic. Neither a Dukakis nor a Bush administration would take as hard a line as President Reagan. But neither would prove a soft touch if Ortega abandoned all pretence at being a democrat – or threatened US interests in the region.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Developing skills of managers

From Mrs Charlotte Chambers

Sir, Your article, "Qualifying for a new status" (Horizons, July 7), gave a comprehensive account of the initiatives by the Council for Management Education and Development to encourage British businesses to improve their commitment to developing managers.

My association, which represents personnel and training executives in industry and the public sector, management consultants and academics, wholeheartedly supports these moves to develop a code of practice to improve standards of management and business skills.

The article failed, however, to take account of the serious concern which is being voiced in management circles about the creation of a chartered institute and the related issue of a formal qualification for managers.

It is widely believed that another institute with such wide-ranging award-monitoring power could easily become a bureaucratic monster. The feasibility of establishing a common list of managerial competences as a means of qualifying managers' performance is also being seriously questioned both because insufficient research has been conducted in this area and because of the enormous variety of contexts within which managers operate.

Our association believes that the rigidity and formality inherent in the creation of an institute and qualification will not solve the problem of laggardly investment in management development. Indeed, this approach could well alienate the vast majority of British enterprises which have been criticised in recent reports and which we should be encouraging to emulate the progressive practice exemplified by Shell, NatWest, Unilever and others.

Surely the more effective way to create change is to encourage and educate managers themselves to be discriminating about the quality of development they are offered and to enter into a personal learning agreement with their employers.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLOTTE CHAMBERS,
Chairman,
Association for Management
Education and Development,
Premier House,
77 Oxford Street, W1.

Lost in translation

From Mr K. C. E. Ellison Davis

Sir, Sir George Bellew asks (July 5) when "Shame on" gave way to "Evil be" in the translation of the Garter motto. MacDonnel's *Dictionary of Quotations*, published in London in 1822, renders it as "Evil be to him that evil thinks".

Personally, I have always liked Sir Ivan De la Bère's 1964 version, "Dishonoured be he who thinks evil of it", but it seemed not to catch on.

Sir George's question recalls to mind the variant adopted by a Duke of Orleans, who caused to be inscribed over his stables, *Honi soit qui mal y panse*. His grooms no doubt got the message.

Yours sincerely,

KENNETH ELLISON DAVIS,
Brahms Straat 2,
1077 HG Amsterdam,
The Netherlands.
July 6.

Missing washer

From Miss Mary E. Jelley

Sir, I own a robust brass foot-pump, presented to me in its mitred wooden box about 25 or so years ago. It has been rendered useless, just for the want of its cup-shaped leather washer, a mere threepenny item when the pump was new.

My letter, with quoted number, to the Sheffield maker was returned to me marked "gone away."

After a fruitless search I am told on all sides, and with special glee by those who sell today's version of foot-pumps with their plastic washers, that I had much better throw away my valuable pump.

Why should such brutal waste be looked upon as "good business"?

Yours truly,

MARY E. JELLEY,
The Shepherd's Cottage,
Chute,
via Andover, Hampshire.
July 4.

Lessons of Cleveland

From Dr Neville Davis

Sir, Doctors who are called upon to examine alleged victims of assault, child or adult, sexual or otherwise, should know what to look for, recognise what they see, draw reasonable conclusions from their observations and be able to communicate their findings to lay agencies and the court in a manner which is both understandable and unambiguous. They should also have available to them an authoritative body of literature based on careful observation and careful description of a significant number of cases from a significant number of centres.

Failure to meet these requirements is by no means uncommon, and we are now familiar with the results. Society is becoming ever more violent, and the need for a sound medical input to any investigative team is now self-evident. This is unlikely to be achieved until the abysmally low priority afforded to the teaching of clinical forensic medicine is appreciably upgraded.

I urge those responsible for these matters to recognise the necessity for proper academic bases to teach clinical forensic medicine to our young students and doctors before they disperse into general practice and the specialities, so that not only will they know that there is much that they need to know, but they will have at least a basic knowledge of a hitherto much neglected subject which may touch on the lives of any one of us at any time.

Yours faithfully,

NEVILLE DAVIS, President,
Section of Clinical Forensic
Medicine,
The Royal Society of Medicine,
1 Wimpole Street, W1.
July 8.

Hard choices on road from Synod

From the Reverend Alan Cooke

Sir, Your leader today ("Hard road from the Synod", July 7) exhorts those of us who question the General Synod's competence to alter the hitherto invariable practice of the universal Church to be good sports and kindly to make less noise.

Let us imagine for a moment that the eventual result of the debate is that women are not ordained as priests. Is a split anticipated then? Have over 1,000 clergymen publicly stated that they would not be able to continue in the Church of England under such circumstances? Do the proposals contain any hint of compensation for them? No, Sir, it is the ordination of women which will cause the wound, not their non-ordination.

The last paragraph of your leader ventures to hope that the foundations of Anglican belief will become clearer through the present controversy. Given the theological liberalism of many of the principal proponents of this novelty, I fear that if it is implemented the foundation of Anglican belief will be revealed as an indifference to scripture and the Church's consistent tradition, and a firm belief in the competence of the General Synod to do anything it likes.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN COOKE,
The Vicarage,
Milne Street,
Chadderton,
Oldham, Lancashire.
July 7.

From Mr Oswald W. H. Clark

Sir, Those who drafted the legislation to enable women to be ordained to the priesthood prudently, and, yes, charitably, allowed diocesan bishops "to opt out." They also refrained from imposing a time-limit on the proposed safeguards. As a root and branch opponent, I gratefully acknowledge this.

If in the ensuing revision stage, the Archbishop of Canterbury (or the House of Bishops corporately) seeks, by amendment and with your endorsement (July 7), to revert to some of the more draconican suggestions in an earlier bishops' report, the "road from the Synod" will become even "harder."

Any such actions can only increase the level of opposition from those who will not be excluded from the Church of England by episcopal "diktat" and from those who will not allow us to be so excluded.

Even without this archiepiscopal aggravation, it is already beyond dispute that this ordination proposal does not command in any House of the Synod the level of support necessary to give it final approval. On the precedent of the abortive Women Ordained Abroad Measure (which the Archbishop confrontationally wishes to reactivate), the proposal recently given general approval has at the same time been given the procedural *"kiss of death."*

Notwithstanding a Synod general election in 1990, it would be both dangerous and cruel to allow any other expectation to develop.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

OSWALD W. H. CLARK,
8 Courtlands Avenue,
Hampton, Middlesex.
July 8.

From the Reverend George Coppen

Sir, I do hope that the Church of England is sufficiently mature that it need not resort to the principle suggested in your leader that "churchmen, including bishops, who have not been prepared to conform have had to leave." If such a principle is to be taken seriously, surely it would be equally wise to heed the Clown who advised Maria in *Twelfth Night* that "many a good hanging prevents a bad marriage."

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

GEORGE COPPEN,
St John's Vicarage,
16 The Broadway,
Kidlington, Oxford.
July 7.

Turkish visit

From Mr Anthony Coombs, MP for Wyre Forest (Conservative)

Sir, Following Mrs Thatcher's visit in April, the fact that President Evren of Turkey is in Britain this week reflects the recent improvement in relationships with a country which is both of strategic importance to Nato and in a pivotal position between the European and Islamic worlds.

Turkey's application for EEC membership, the tempting prospect for Britain of Turkish civil engineering contracts, and Prime Minister Ozal's brave attempt to stimulate free enterprise and economic growth, are all signs of an increasing identity of view with Britain.

However, progress down this path must be both cautious and accompanied by demands for action by General Evren in crucial areas.

The first concerns the estimated 18,000 political prisoners, many allegedly tortured, identified by Amnesty International as languishing in Turkish jails. Further, the Turkish Ministry of Justice admitted that in April this year, no less than 5,300 prisoners faced trial in military courts, which are neither independent of the Executive, nor allow adequate access to defence lawyers.

Secondly, Turkey has been widely criticised, notably in the Council of Europe, for its treatment of both Armenian and Kurdish minorities.

Finally, it is difficult to extend the warmest of welcomes to the titular head of a country which currently has 30,000 troops in occupation of Cyprus, which is both a former colony and current Commonwealth member.

Whilst reminding General Evren of Turkey's obligations to withdraw from Cyprus, in line with both UN and Security Council resolutions, the British Government should use its good offices and guarantor status for the island, to ensure that the Turks persuade their Turkish Cypriot client, Rauf Denktash, of the need for a flexible negotiating stance in his forthcoming talks with Cyprus's President Vassiliou.

The rightful reunification of Cyprus which might result, would enhance Turkey's international image, ease its EEC application, and promote stability in an area of the world which sorely needs it.

Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY COOMBS,
House of Commons.
July 12.

From the Director of Amnesty International, British Section

Sir, Your article of July 9 raised serious concerns about the treatment of very young children in prison in Turkey. Unfortunately the inhumane and degrading treatment of many prisoners in Turkey is all too familiar to Amnesty.

A British Amnesty group in Exeter has been campaigning since last year for the release of 17-year-old Nihat Kaymaz who was arrested in June, 1987, for reading an Islamic book and passing it on to a friend. Because he was imprisoned for the non-violent expression of his beliefs, Amnesty considers him to be a "prisoner of conscience".

However, on May 18 this year, the Turkish Ambassador, Rahmi Gumrukcuoglu, wrote a letter to a British newspaper stating "I would like to remind you once more that there are no "prisoners of conscience" in Turkey. Freedom of thought is under guaranty of the Constitution". Amnesty's researches show that this is not the case.

Yours faithfully,

MARIE STAUNTON, Director,
Amnesty International,
British Section,
5 Roberts Place,
off Bowling Green Lane, EC1.
July 11.

Long-standing effect

From Mrs Catherine Williams

Sir, A week or so ago I became eligible for a senior citizen railcard. On the day after I had purchased this, I travelled to London from Chippenham, Wiltshire, a journey of about one hour and 10 minutes. The first-class carriage was full of men, so intent on thoughts of making their way in this world that no one had any time to notice a not-so-young lady who had no seat. I stood all the way, in spite of the fact that I look rather frail and worn.

In addition, the guard who came round to collect tickets did not tell me that I could get a partial refund on a first-class fare, as I had had to stand.

In my youth I stood for elderly people as a matter of course – men or women; sex has nothing to do with it. I would be ashamed if either of my two sons or my daughter were to remain sitting when an elderly person was standing near by.

Yours faithfully,

CATHERINE WILLIAMS,
The Old Vicarage,
Lower Westwood,
Bradford-on-Avon,
Wiltshire.

Women's role

From Dr K. C. Bass

Sir, Your City staff report (July 4) that Mr Christopher Johnson, chief economic adviser to Lloyds Bank, has commented that "the proportion of women graduates needs to be increased to meet the shortage of mathematics and science teachers".

May I suggest that my department is making its contribution in this respect in the field of chemistry. At recent board of examiners' meetings, six out of seven recipients of prizes awarded to the best undergraduates were women. The ratio of male to female undergraduates in the department is approximately 2.3:1.

Yours faithfully,

K. C. BASS,
City University,
Department of Chemistry,
Northampton Square, EC1.
July 7.

Identity cards as national asset

From Mr David Martin, MP for Portsmouth South (Conservative)

Sir, Your leader (July 8) on a statutory membership card scheme for those attending football matches rightly pointed out that this would promote "improvement in crowd behaviour as the clubs begin to exert some control over the spectators they admit".

One of the major problems which remains to be resolved is the vandalism and violence which takes place outside the grounds, particularly in densely-populated residential areas where most grounds are situated.

A national identity card system would help the police – providing suitable powers are given – to prevent known troublemakers from coming into the immediate area in the first place. Any reasonable measures which assist them in that task must be welcome.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID MARTIN,
House of Commons.
July 8.

From Mr J. F. Greenhough

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt advocates an identity card for everyone ("A licence to drink", June 29). One must assume he did not draw his pension at 65. Today he is 70 and he will shortly receive this and an obligatory "retirement pension" card with the appropriate number.

Pensioners seem uncomplaining at having an identification document which they need to carry to obtain certain benefits. Why should others less senior object? Nc : enter the poll-tax era it seem practical that the rest of the population can be as easily identified.

Yours faithfully,

J. F. GREENHOUGH,
9 Willows Avenue,
Lytham, Lancashire.
July 4.

From the Headmaster of The Leys School, Cambridge

Sir, I refer to your report (July 2, later editions) on the introduction of identity cards for young drinkers in Chard.

While I do not claim originality, we have already been operating a similar scheme at the Leys School this term. Pupils in my upper sixth, with parental approval, receive a card bearing their name, date of birth, and photograph, which is signed by me. The card is sealed in a plastic wallet and given to the boy or girl when they reach the age of 18.

They also have to obtain their housemaster's permission when they wish to go out to a public house.

Yours faithfully,

TIMOTHY BEYNON,
Headmaster,
The Leys School,
Cambridge.
July 4.

'Greenhouse' effect

From Mr Peter Grist

Sir, The Earl of Cranbrook (July 7) is correct to say that a tropical forest comprises a greater volume of timber per unit area than do other forests. However, a tropical forest does function more effectively as a carbon dioxide sink than do forests at other latitudes.

At the tropics, net received solar radiation is much greater over an entire year than it is in temperate zones, facilitating a year-round growing season and therefore greater annual fixation of Co2. In one year, a tropical forest may fix between 1000 and 2000 grammes of Co2 per cubic metre, compared with between 200 and 400 grammes in temperate forests.

Replenishment of forests worldwide, as suggested by the Earl, would certainly help slow the rise in atmospheric Co2. Notwithstanding this, until we find a technology that can convert huge amounts of energy without burning six thousand million tonnes of fossil fuels every year, the problem will remain with us.

Yours faithfully,

PETER GRIST,
The Bungalow,
Filands School,
Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Universal pin-up

From Mr Bruce Summers

Sir, Mrs D. S. Abbott (July 5) is wrong to suppose that the advent of the disposable nappy has sounded the death knell of the dependable safety pin. Having gone fully disposable "nappy-wise" with our latest child, I can assure her that the sticky tabs of these "designer" nappies are about as reliable as the continence of a new-born baby.

Yours faithfully,

BRUCE SUMMERS,
55 Church Hill,
Cheddington,
Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

From Mrs Michael Noakes

Sir, Like Mrs Barry (July 11), we bring our pensioned-off nappy pins out once a year at Christmas. They are perfect for fixing bulging Christmas stockings to the end of beds.

Yours faithfully,

VIVIEN NOAKES,
146 Hamilton Terrace,
St John's Wood, NW8.

From Mr Robin Plummer

Sir, Poise is the art of being the only person in the room who knows that the carnation on his dinner jacket is held in place by a nappy pin.

Yours faithfully,

ROBIN PLUMMER,
The Limes,
2 Barkway Road,
Royston, Hertfordshire.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 13: The President of the Republic of Turkey this morning drove to St. James's Palace in a Carriage Procession, accompanied by a Captain's Escort with Standard of the Household Cavalry, and received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors in London.

His Excellency visited No 10 Downing Street and had talks with the Prime Minister and afterwards was entertained at luncheon by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

The President of the Republic of Turkey this afternoon at Buckingham Palace received a delegation from the British-Turkish Parliamentary Group.

His Excellency later attended a reception at the Residence of the Turkish Ambassador for the Turkish Community.

The President of the Republic of Turkey this evening received an Address of Welcome at a Court of Common Council and afterwards was entertained at a Banquet by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at Guildhall.

Princess Alexandra, Hon. Mrs. Angus Ogilvy and Hon. Angus Ogilvy were present.

The Governor of Tasmania and Lady Bennett had the honour of being invited to luncheon with The Queen.

The Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of Her Majesty and presented a Message from the House of Lords to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Right Hon. John Wakeham, M.P. (Lord President of the Council) and Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, M.P. (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) were received in audience by Her Majesty and presented a Message from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning attended a briefing from Admirals of the Fleet, retired Flag Officers and Generals Royal Marines at the Ministry of Defence main building and subsequently attended a luncheon at Admiralty House.

Mr. Brian McGrath was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, International Trustee and Founder of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship, this evening attended the inaugural dinner of the World Fellowship at St. James's Palace.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Prince Edward this evening took the Salute at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Patron of the British School of Osteopathy, this morning presented Diplomas at the School's Annual Awards Ceremony in the Great Hall at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London, SW1.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Mrs. Robert Flach).

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended the recording and filming of the 'Save the Children' single to be sung by the casts of West End and Broadway musicals, at Abbey Road Studios, St. John's Wood, London NW8.

Her Royal Highness, President, Federation Equestre International later received a cheque from Coca-Cola Northern Europe on behalf of the Federation Equestre International, at the Headquarters of Coca-cola Northern Europe, Pemberton House, Wrights Lane, London W8.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Charity Ball at The Duke of York Barracks, London, SW3, given by BPCC Plc to launch their appeal for the Fund.

Mrs. Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Earl of Dundee (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Mr. Hugh Morgan (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Vienna) which was held in All Saints' Church, Fulham High Street, London, SW6 today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 13: The Prince of Wales received the Right Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, M.P. (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) at St. James's Palace this morning.

His Royal Highness later attended a seminar held by the Australian British Chamber of Commerce (UK) at the Inn on the Park Hotel, Hamilton Place, London, W1.

The Hon. Rupert Fairfax was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 13: Lieutenant-Colonel John Bennett today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, University of London Contingent Officers Training Corps, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Clayton also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the University of London Contingent Officers Training Corps.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Festival Service for the Friends of St. Paul's which was held in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 13: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was present this afternoon at the 40th Anniversary celebrations of the Merseyside Council of Ex-Service and Regimental Associations (CESRA) at the Royal Naval Association (Liverpool Branch), Bowring Park Road, Liverpool and opened the new extension to the Royal Naval Association Club.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Michael Harvey, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
July 13: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Newark Enterprise Agency and Newark Chamber of Commerce. His Royal Hghness later opened Newark Library and visited Fleur de Lys Automobile Manufacturing Limited, Newark, Tector Limited and Graff Electronic Machines, Collingham, Nottinghamshire.

The Duke, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Page.

The Duke of Kent, President, this evening attended a performance of "Elijah" by the Royal Choral Society at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

Captain Charles Page was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 13: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon presented the prizes and awards on the occasion of Annual Day at the Royal School Hampstead (The Royal Soldiers' Daughters' School).

Mrs. Peter Afia was in attendance.

Banquet

Corporation of London
Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present at a banquet at Guildhall last night given by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London after an address of welcome to mark the visit to the City of London yesterday of the President of Turkey. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Others present included:

Mrs Miray Goksu, Mr and Mrs Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish Ambassador and Mrs Gumrukcuoglu, Ambassador Nurver Nures, Ambassador Inal Batu, Ambassador Aydin Yegen, Colonel Yekta Numanoglu, Mr Ali Tuygan, Mr Ahmet Ermisoglu, Mrs Binnur Ugurlu, the Egyptian Ambassador and Mrs Sharara, the Ambassador of The Philippines the Ambassador of Romania, the Ambassador of Uruguay and Senora Sole-Romeo, the Jordanian Ambassador and Mrs Butros, the Ambassador of Iraq and Mrs Sammer A Hadid, the Austrian Ambassador and Frau Magrutsch, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, Earl and Countess Jellicoe, Viscountess Boyne, Lord and Lady Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Lord and Lady Brandon of Oakbrook, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Mrs Clarke, Sir Frederic and Lady Bennett, Dr John Gilbert, MP, and Mrs Gilbert, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, the Attorney-General and Lady Mayhew, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport and Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, the Chief of the Air Staff and Lady Craig, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Robert Flach, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of York, the Lord Provost of Glasgow and Mr Baird, members of the Turkish Embassy, representatives of organizations having commercial and cultural connections with Turkey, representatives of HM Forces, the Civil Service, city institutions, aldermen, common councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies

Birthdays today

The Earl of Arran, 50; Mr Ingmar Bergman, film producer, 70; Miss Vera Di Palma, taxation accountant, 57; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, 64; Sir Nigel Fisher, former MP, 75; Mr Gerald Ford, former US President, 75; Dr F.S. Grimwood, psychotherapist, 84; Mr D.W. Hardy, chairman, Globe Investment Trust, 58; Mr Illtyd Harrington, former leader, GLC, 57; Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, 56; Lord Hunter of Newington, 73; the Earl of Iddesleigh, 56; Miss Sue Lawley, broadcaster, 42; Major-General C.A.R. Nevill, 81; Mr Bruce Oldfield, fashion designer, 38; Sir William Rees-Mogg (life peer), chairman, Arts Council, 60; Mr Isaac Bashevis Singer, writer, 84; Baroness Stedman, 72; Mr Robert Stephens, actor, 57; Mr Terry-Thomas, actor, 77; Sir Richard Trehane, former chairman, Milk Marketing Board, 75.

Schools news

Amesbury School, Hindhead
The Governors of Amesbury School announce the appointment of Mr Paul Cheater, Second Master of Papplewick, Ascot, as headmaster. He will succeed Mr Dominick Spencer on his retirement in September 1989.

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Forthcoming marriages

Dr W.G.H. Dowley
and Dr S.P.M. Thornton
The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Laurence Dowley, of Great Bowden, Leicestershire, and Penelope, elder daughter of Mr Vernon Thornton, of Cobham, Surrey, and Mrs Juliet Auer, of Witney, Oxfordshire.

The Rev P. Brophy
and Miss E.M. Newman
The engagement is announced between Paul Brophy, MA, of Hereford, and Eleanor Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Newman, of Monmouth.

Mr T. Blystad
and Miss N.M.B. Irving
The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Arne Blystad, of Sokna Norway, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David M.B. Irving, of London, SW5.

Mr B. Howard-Baker
and Miss L.F. Hadcock
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, only son of Mr and Mrs Ben Howard-Baker, of Glascoed, Llansilin, Clwyd, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hadcock, of Llawr Tyddyn, Bodedern, Anglesey.

Mr P.G. Watts
and Miss G.M. Gray
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.E. Watts, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Gillian, elder daughter of Mrs E. Gray and the late Mr W.H. Gray, of Prestwick, Ayrshire.

Mr S.C. McInnes
and Miss C.L. Way
The engagement is announced between Stuart, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.R. McInnes, of Campagne d'Armagnac, Gers, France, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Way, of Stock, Essex.

Mr W.W. Lewis
and Miss S. Loup
The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.J.W. Lewis of Amner Road, London and Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Sarahjane, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A.T. Loup, of Lodsworth, West Sussex.

Mr J.V. Single
and Miss S.W. Adam
The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs Gordon V. Single, of Sydney, New South Wales, and Suzanne, youngest daughter of the late Mr G. Wallace Adam and of Mrs Adam, of St Andrews, Fife.

Mr A.R. Hill
and Miss B.L. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Adrian, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs P. Hill, of Wombourne, Staffordshire, and Belinda, eldest daughter of Mr Michael Marshall, of Cambridge, and Mrs Bridget Marshall, of Warwick.

Marriages

Mr P.J. Spears
Mrs A.J. Wilkinson
The marriage took place quietly on July 11, in Pershore between Mr Peter Spears and Mrs Alicia Wilkinson.

Mr B.J. Weller
and Miss C.M. Mcnab
The marriage took place on July 9, at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1, of Mr Brian John Weller, son of the late Mr James Weller and of Mrs Weller, of Addington, Surrey, and Miss Celia Mary Macnab, daughter of Dr and Mrs Roy Macnab, of Cavalière, France.

Bishops see news in the making

Sir Edward Pickering, Executive Vice-Chairman, Times Newspapers Ltd, explains how *The Times* is electronically produced to the Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Graham Leonard and the Bishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend David Penman during a visit to the newspaper's plant at Wapping.

Loughborough University

The following first degrees have been announced by Loughborough University.

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Chemical Engineering
Class II (Div 1): A R Doel; E L Carliss; M R Saunderson, P A Baynes, B D Harris, C N Brown.
Class II (Div 2): J C Wood; L Scott.

Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Class I: M D Adamson; S J Finney; B A Lancaster
Class II (Div 1): D A Collins; C L Caterer; R W Houston; G K Trezise, I A Eddleston, M M Donohoe; I G Bell.

Manufacturing Engineering and Management
Class I: A M Drake, N R Mason.
Class II (Div 1): N G Bull.

Materials Engineering
Class I: T S Morgan.
Class II (Div 1): D C Banks, S J Birley.

Elections

Mercers' Company
At an Election Court held on July 8, the Mercers' Company elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, Dr Bernard Martyn Watney; Upper Warden, the Earl of Selborne; House Warden, Mr John Adrian Watney; Renter Warden, Mr John James Fenwick.

Company of Chartered Accountants
The following have been elected officers of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales for the ensuing year: Master, the Hon G.H. Wilson; Senior Warden, Mr D.B. Shaw; Junior Warden, Mr Alderman and Sheriff B.G. Jenkins; Clerk, Mr G.H. Kingsmill.

Chartered Surveyors' Company
The following have been elected officers of the Chartered Surveyors' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Robert Steel; Senior Warden, Mr John Trustram Eve; Junior Warden, Mr Alderman P. Anthony Bull.

Plaisterers' Company
The following have been elected officers of the Plaisterers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr R F Beavis; Deputy Master, Mr H Humber; Upper Warden, Mr H C Kersey; Renter Warden, Mr H J W Warrell.

Enchanted Ball

The Enchanted Ball will be held at Cooling Castle in Kent, on Saturday, July 23. A ticket price of £35 will include full buffet and free wine, breakfast, and organized transport there and back. Entertainment will include a discotheque, the Falstaff String Quartet, a fun casino, Carousel, fortune teller, and wandering mime, magicians, minstrels and fire eaters. Donations will be made to the Middlesex Hospital and Shaftesbury Homes and 'Arethusa'. For information on invitations and tickets please ring Moonlighters on 01-731 0398/01-455 0696.

Dinners

Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company
Mr David Shalit, Master of the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company, presided a a dinner held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Mr P.G. Sparks and the Master of the Bakers' Company also spoke.

***Foundation for Science* and Technology**
Lord Shackleton presided at a lecture and dinner discussion of the Foundation for Science and Technology held last night at the Royal Society. Mr James McHugh, Mr G. Anthony and Dr G. Needham also spoke. Among others present were:

Lord Chorley, Baroness Elles, MEP, Baroness Hooper, Lord Shackleton, Baroness White, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Sir Monty Finniston, Sir Francis Tombs, Mr J R Darley, Mr O Roith, Mr P Rost, MP, Mr I D B Ferguson, Mr and Mrs R S Hackett and Dr D A Young.

Society of British Aerospace Companies
The Society of British Aerospace Companies held its annual dinner at the Dorchester hotel on July 13. The society's new President, Mr Ivan Yates, Deputy Chief Executive (Engineering), British Aerospace plc and the new Vice-President Dr Alan Watkins, Managing Director, Lucas Aerospace Limited, presided. Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, was the guest of honour. Other guests included Lord Glenarthur, (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Lord Trefgarne, (Minister of State for Defence Procurement), Mr Robert Atkins, (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade and Industry), Admiral Sir William Staveley, (First Sea Lord), and Air Chief Marshal Sir David Harcourt-Smith, (Controller Aircraft).

King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry
The annual dinner for past and present students of the school will be held on Saturday, September 24, 1988. The chairman will be Professor C.E. Stroud, who retires as professor of the department of child health at the end of this academic year. Information on the dinner will be circulated to all former students of the school for whom we have current addresses. Further details may be obtained from the secretary, Mr H.T. Musslewhite, telephone 01-326 3002.

Congregation

Birmingham University
A special degree congregation will be held to celebrate the golden jubilee of the opening of the Birmingham Medical School today at 11 am in the great hall of the Birmingham University.

Luncheons

Australian British Chamber of Commerce (UK)
The Prince of Wales was a guest speaker at a seminar given yesterday by the Australian British Chamber of Commerce (UK) at the Inn on the Park Hotel. Mr J.M. Corbet-Singleton, chairman, presided at the seminar and at a luncheon held afterwards. The other speakers included:

The High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner for Australia, Lord Young of Graffham (Secretary of State for Trade and Industry), the Australian Minister for Transport and Communications Support, Sir James Balderstone, Sir Kerry St Johnston, Dr David Mitchell, Mr David Thomson (Director-General of the British Invisible Exports Council) and Mr Fred de Costobadie.

Newspaper Conference
Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, Chairman-designate of the Press Council, accompanied by Mr Kenneth Morgan, director, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Newspaper Conference yesterday at the Newspaper Society. Mr David L. Norrie, chairman of the conference, presided.

Baroness Cox
Baroness Cox gave a luncheon in the House of Lords on Friday on the twentieth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. Sir Bernard Braine, MP, presided and the other speakers were Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, Mr Norris McWhirter and Father J. Lang, SJ, who said a prayer for the Czechoslovak nation.

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Kenan Evren, President of Turkey. The guests were:

Mrs Miray Goksu, Mr and Mrs Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish Ambassador and Mrs Gumrukcuoglu, Ambassador Nurver Nures, Ambassador Inal Batu, Ambassador Aydin Yegen, Colonel Yekta Numanoglu, Mr Ali Tuygan, Mr Ahmet Ermisoglu, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Lord and Lady Young of Graffham, Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, and Mrs Parkinson, Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, Viscount Boyne, Admiral Sir Raymond and Lady Lygo, Sir Nigel and Lady Broackes, Sir Eric Pountain, Sir Clifford and Lady Chetwood, Sir James Spicer, MP, and Lady Spicer, Mr Asil Nadir, Miss Idel Biret, Mr Sefik Yuksel, Mr and the Hon Mrs Henry Keswick, Mr and Mrs Alan Cockshaw, Mr and Mrs J J L G Sheffield, Professor and Mrs C H Dodd, the Rev Charles and Mrs Robertson, Mr Michael Fallon, MP, and Mrs Fallon, Mr and Mrs W J Carlyle, Mr and Mrs Charles Moore, Dr Michael Rogers, Mr and Mrs John Arbuthnott, Sir James and Lady Cleminson, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Sir Brian and Lady Hayes, General Sir Richard and Lady Vincent, Sir Mark and Lady Russell, Mr and Mrs Timothy Daunt, Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, Mr Charles Powell and Mr Andrew Bearpark.

Thanksgiving

Battle of Britain
Thanksgiving Service
The Ministry of Defence announces that the Battle of Britain thanksgiving service will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11.00 am on Sunday, September 18. Applications for tickets, accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope, should reach the Ministry of Defence, S10s(Air), Room 607, Adastral House, Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8RU, by August 12. Applications received after that date may prove unsuccessful and, if the demand for tickets is excessive, it may be necessary to restrict issue to a maximum of two per applicant. To ensure that they are correctly seated in the Abbey, applicants must state which one of these categories is appropriate: ex-Battle of Britain aircrew, relatives of aircrew who lost their lives in the battle, past and present members of the RAF and its Reserve Forces, and members of the general public. Tickets and a note about dress for the occasion will be issued seven to ten days before the service. Applications must not be sent to Westminster Abbey.

Memorial service

Mr Hugh Morgan
The Queen was represented by the Earl of Dundee at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Hugh Morgan held yesterday at All Saints' Church, Fulham. Princess Michael of Kent was represented by Commander Michael Clarke. Prebendary Kenneth Bowler officiated. Mr Andrew Morgan, son, read *A Letter from Lord Chesterfield to his son*. Mr John Bushell read from *Time of War*, Dom Bede Hill from *Mission to Peru* and Mr Nicholas Morgan, son, from *Last Chronicle of Barset* by Anthony Trollope. Sir Alan Campbell gave an address. Mr Tim Robinson, accompanied by Mr Charles Hattrell, piano, sang Mahler's *Frülingsmorgen*, Schubert's *An die Musik* and Beethoven's *Zartliche Liebe*. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir David Muirhead and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and the Diplomatic Service were represented by Sir Roderic Braithwaite. Among others present were:

Mrs Morgan (widow), Miss Louise Morgan (daughter), the Swiss Ambassador and Mme Pictet, the Peruvian Ambassador, the Countess of Eldon, Lord and Lady Rothschild, Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Cordelia Lady Greenway, Lady Dora Pink, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Henry Hankey, Sir James Colyer-Fergusson, Sir Alan and Lady Urwick, Sir John and Lady Killick, Sir Donald and Lady Logan, Sir David and Lady Hildyard, Sir John and Lady Pilcher, Sir Peter and Lady Scott, Sir William and Lady Hayter, Lady Kelly, Sir William Clark, MP, Sir John and Lady Lambert, Sir Andrew Stark, Sir Kenneth and Lady James, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Lady Harding, Sir George and Lady Middleton, Sir Peter Marshall, Lady Braithwaite, Lady Bowker, Sir John Barnes, Sir Richard Evans, Sir Richard Parsons, Sir Frank and Lady Roberts, Sir Berkeley and Lady Gage, Dr Rene-Kurt Pollitzer (representing the Austrian Ambassador), Princess Alexander Croy, Baronne de Dory, Countess Karolyi, Major-General and Mrs H Bredin, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs Antony Dudgeon, Mr and Mrs Robert Brash, Miss Joan Haslip, Mr and Mrs Mac Silverwood-Cope, Mr Ronald Scrivener, Mrs J Bushell, Mr Walter J Foster (general secretary, Anglo-Austrian Society), Mr and Mrs Christopher Lush and Mr and Mrs Gordon Etherington-Smith.

Legion of Honour

Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier has been invested with the Insignia of a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

OBITUARY

JOSHUA LOGAN

Director of famous Broadway hits

Joshua Logan, director of some of Broadway's musical smash hits, including *South Pacific* and *Annie Get Your Gun*, most of them later equally successful in Britain and elsewhere, died in New York on July 12, aged 79.

Logan, during a career which deeply marked America's popular theatre audiences from the late 1940s to the 1960s, was also frequently a co-author and producer.

He combined successful stage direction with that of the screen. He directed Marilyn Monroe in one of her early, and best, star roles in *Bus Stop* in 1956. He also made *Sayonara* in 1957, the film version of *South Pacific* (1958) and of *Fanny* (1961), based on Marcel Pagnol's classic of Marseilles life and *Paint Your Wagon*, with Clint Eastwood and Lee Marvin in 1969.

The highpoint of his career was probably when he won the 1950 Pulitzer Prize for drama with Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein for co-authoring *South Pacific*. Logan only received belatedly his recognition after the Pulitzer Committee corrected its initial mistake since Logan's co-author role had been originally obscured.

It proved indeed his biggest success commercially, earning him, it was said, between £20 and £30 million. He confessed the musical's first run in Britain at the Dominion Theatre paid for its entire costs.

The hits under his direction London also saw included *Mister Roberts*, a tale of a US cargo ship operating in the Pacific, starring Tyrone Power in 1950 and *Wish You Were Here*, three years later.

Logan was a skilled craftsman, possessing great emotional force that he was able to transmit to the actors he directed. From his experience of successfully directing Marilyn Monroe, he advised Laurence Olivier not to attempt to instruct her exactly but let her work out her part and lines for herself, no matter long the process took.

He did not ever seek out innovative or avant-garde drama. But Logan was proud a university scholarship had allowed him at only 21 to go to Moscow to study under Stanislavsky, the Russian director.

Born in Texas, he went to Princeton where, without taking a degree, he was prominent in university dramatics with such other young hopefuls as James Stewart, Henry Fonda, and Margaret Sullavan.

MR JULIAN TREVELYAN

Mr Julian Trevelyan, the painter, who died on July 12, at the age of 78, was a founder member of the English Surrealist group, in 1936, and exhibited at the London Surrealist Exhibition.

But his eclectic tastes took him into fields far outside the movement, and since then he had painted Expressionist landscapes, illustrated books, and often worked in a spirit of detachment from the prevailing modes of his generation.

He worked with everyone from Dali to Matisse, and was a great admirer of Klee.

Julian Otto Trevelyan was born on February 20, 1910, the son of the poet and dramatist, R. C. Trevelyan. He was educated at Bedales and Trinity College, Cambridge.

After leaving Cambridge he took up painting, and went to Paris where he studied under S. W. Hayter, who founded Atelier 17, a school of printmaking technique. At this time he also participated in the Surrealist movement.

Later Trevelyan travelled and studied in Italy, Spain and the Balkans.

His first one-man show was held in London in 1935 at the Lefèvre Galleries, and it consisted of paintings in gouache and oil, as well as collages. The general effect was that of fantasy with a humorous inclination, at some remove from the intenser preoccupations of most of the Surrealists.

In the next year Trevelyan participated in the International Surrealist exhibition held at the New Burlington Galleries, but he was not included in the Fantastic Art Dada Surrealism exhibition at the New York Museum of Modern Art, later in the same year.

During the war he served, like so many distinguished artists, as a camouflage officer in the Royal Engineers. In the 1950s and 1960s he was an engraving tutor at the Royal College of Art, one of his pupils there being David Hockney.

Viewing his 1946 exhibition at the Lefèvre Gallery critics observed that the untroubled gaiety of his style made it difficult to guess the date of his pictures. In the subsequent decades he settled into an endearing primitive style

His mini retrospective at the New Grafton in 1977 summed up his work of the previous forty years, leaving a prevailing impression of simplicity and bright colour, with the psyche of the artist presented, so to speak, four square to the spectator.

His most recent retrospective at the Watermans Art Centre, Brentford, reinforced this impression, while emphasizing that here was a senior painter who was not afraid to do something different.

Trevelyan published several books, *Indigo Days* (1957), *The Artist and His World* (1960), *Etching* (1963) and *A Place, a State* (1975).

He leaves his widow, Mary, herself an artist, and a son by a previous marriage.

JOSEPHINE DOUGLAS

Josephine Douglas, one of the most successful women television producers, who pioneered many light entertainment shows for BBC and ITV, died on July 12 at the age of 60.

Among those for which she will be best remembered by the rock 'n roll fans of the first generation was *Six-Five Special*, the grand-daddy of teenage pop shows, which took the raucous sounds of the Elvis Presley era out of the music halls and thrust them into the front room, to the dismay of parents and the delight of their children.

The show's original deviser and producer, Jo Douglas also fronted *Six-Five Special*, in harness with Pete Murray, when it went on the air in 1957.

Born and educated in Huddersfield, at fifteen she founded the town's first Women's Junior Air Corps "to keep Britain's girls away from GIs" as she said at the time.

She later joined the WAAF, learning to fly at the same time, after which she went to RADA.

She went along to the BBC in 1954 to try for a job as a producer, in spite of being told by friends "You'll never be accepted. It's not considered to be a woman's job". In those days of the Oxford accent, her North Country burr was also thought to be a disadvantage.

But times were a-changing. The BBC took her, and after a year of going through the mill she qualified as a light entertainment producer.

Her first task as a producer was on *Tall Story Club*, an intriguing programme which gave celebrities the chance to indulge themselves in their favourite pastime of mystifying the public.

But it was with *Six-Five Special* that she really broke into the big time. The show, a response to the rapidly growing teenage appetite for rock music was a huge success, compered by the glamorous Miss Douglas and the dapper Mr Murray. Paradoxically it seemed to burn out through over-heating, and only ran for little over a year.

She moved to *ITV* where her she took over *Love Story*, transforming the series from a down-market novelettish frolic into something with a more adult emotional appeal. She was soon using plays by French writers, and actresses like Vanessa Redgrave, greatly enhancing the reputation of the series.

Another of her assignments was to administer a much-needed blood tranfusion to the long-running, but ailing, *Emergency Ward 10*. She bought stars in: "I want more exciting bods in the beds", she declared, and pressed her writers to let their viewers see what happened to the patients after they left hospital.

Faltering badly in the ratings when she took it over, *Emergency Ward 10* was enjoying audiences of 20 million within a year.

In the 1960s Josephine Douglas was sent round the world by the Secretary of State for War, John Profumo, to make the *Service Requests* show.

Another successful overseas assignment was a series of 13 programmes in which David Kossoff read Bible stories on location in Majorca. As she so often did on her overseas jaunts, Miss Douglas flew herself in her own Cessna aircraft.

Returning to work for the BBC she produced, in 1975, *Pilot Royal*, a BBC-2 television portrait of Prince Charles, which reflecting her own interest in aviation, showed the heir to the throne making his first parachute jump, his first solo helicopter flight, and his first "dry run" at escaping from a ditched aircraft.

A handsome, vivacious woman, Jo Douglas was respected and admired by those who worked with her.

She was married to the television producer, Christopher Doll. They had two children.

MR ERIC MOLLER

Mr Eric B. Moller, owner of the 1983 Derby winner, Teenoso, died on July 11, aged 81.

His colours of "chocolate; gold-braid and sleeves, quartered cap" were among the best-known on the Turf, and, maintaining success through his own stud rather than purchases in the sale ring, he was one of the very few remaining owner-breeders able to sustain a continued challenge for the "home side" in the sporting tussle against increasing Arab dominance of racing.

He was born in Shanghai; his fortune was founded on the family shipping and insurance interests in the Far East, and it was in Shanghai that as a young man he rode many winners over jumps. But in the post-war years it was in England that he and his younger brother, the late R. B. Moller, known as "Budgie," rose to prominence in racing. Their success, in which for many years Eric was less well-known than "Budgie," had some inseparable ingredients.

First was the partnership with the late Harry Wragg, and then his son, Geoffrey, as trainers. Second, and of paramount importance, was a mare called Horama. She, when retired 40 years ago to the White Lodge Stud, Newmarket, founded by Eric Moller, proved to be an equine crock of gold.

Teenoso, descended from Horama, was a rarity these days for a Derby winner. Instead of being sent almost immediately to stud, he was kept in training as a four-year-old. The reward for Eric Moller was that Teenoso won that most sought-after prize, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes.

Other descendants of Horama to achieve fame in the Moller colours include Favoletta, who won the Irish 1,000 Guineas. Lacquer won that race and the Cambridgeshire, while Violetta III dead-heated for the Cambridgeshire. Full Dress II, another home-bred filly, won the 1,000 Guineas.

This year Eric Moller owned the Derby favourite, Red Glow. Disappointingly, however, the colt could finish only fourth. Victory would have been a fitting climax to a triumphant career, but it was not to be.

Moller was not a man for the limelight, but his contribution to racing, both in England and abroad, was far greater than that of many who court publicity. Though recently in poor health, he very much continued to keep an eye on his horses in training, even from a wheelchair, pushed round the Newmarket yard by his trainer, Geoffrey Wragg.

He leaves a widow, Norma, but no children.

The Rev Michael Bland, who has died at the age of 67, has his niche in church history as being the first cleric to be prosecuted under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure of 1963.

In a saga worthy of the pages of a Trollope novel, Bland, then the eccentric Rector of Buckland and Stanton-cum-Snowshill, was brought before Gloucester Consistory Court in 1969, charged with eight offences of unbecoming conduct and neglect of his duties (such as refusing to baptise a child, trying to prevent a father attending his son's wedding, and writing irascible letters to his parishioners).

Found guilty on all but one of the offences, he was sentenced to be deprived of his living. But an appeal to the Court of Arches – the appeal court of the ecclesiastical system – quashed the conviction on all but one of the charges. Remaining guilty merely of being "rude", Bland earned a nominal rebuke from the court, but found, on returning to his ministry, that he was preaching to near empty churches.

Barony

The Queen has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, dated 11th July, 1988, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom for life upon Robert Scott Alexander, Esquire, Q.C., by the name, style and title of Baron Alexander of Weedon, of Newcastle-under-Lyme in the County of Staffordshire.

Reception

VOCAL
The President of VOCAL, Voluntary Organizations Communication and Language, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, and the Executive Committee received guests at a reception held on Tuesday night at the British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, after the annual general meeting.

Music in church

A commission set up by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York is to review church music. It will survey the state of church music in cathedrals and parish churches and modern developments including ethnic and charismatic music and make recommendations to the Church of England General Synod.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the Man whose name is "The Branch"; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord.
Zechariah 6.12

BIRTHS

ASHMORE - On July 12th in Dubai, to Claire (née Blackwell) and Andrew, a daughter, Louise Sylvia.

BEATSON-HIRD - On July 6th, at the Portland Hospital, to Arabella and Christopher, a daughter, Anna, sister to Freddie.

BOOTHMAN - On July 9th, to Anne (née Philo) and Clive, a son, Harry, a brother for Alexander.

BRIDGES - On July 12th 1988, to Angela and Mark, a daughter, Drusilla, a sister for Venetia and Camilla.

CLEGG - On July 12th 1988 in Brussels, Belgium, to Philippa (née Peake) and Martin, a daughter, Eleanor Anne.

COLLINS - On July 9th, to Nicky and Mark, a son, Alasdair John.

EERENS - On July 13th, to Sabine (née Maene) and Jan, a son, Felix.

EPHSON - On July 11th, 1988, at Westminster Hospital, to Eugenia and Martin, a daughter, Clara Rose.

GIBSON - On July 8th to Odile and Roger, a son Jehan-Basil, a brother for Marie-Constance.

GOLOB - On July 13th, to Anne and James, a daughter, Abigail Edith Anne, a sister for Alexander and Edward.

HIGSON - On July 11th, to Frances (née Hunt) and Mark, a daughter, Rebecca Kate.

LITTLE - On July 9th to Elizabeth and Rhoderick, a son, James Euan.

OXLEY - On July 2nd to Joanne (née Leach) and Michael a son Robert Manley Linton, a brother for John.

REEVES on July 12th 1988, to Mary (née Gamble) and David, a daughter Julia, a sister for Sophie, Isobel and Joseph.

SAXON - On July 13th 1988 in Okehampton to Shelley (née Rose) and Neil, a son, Aubrey.

SCHLAPFER - On July 12th 1988, in Durban, South Africa, to Ronéll and Tim, a daughter, Ashleigh Jane.

SIBONY - On Saturday July 2nd at Princesse Grace Hospital, Monaco, to Madeleine (née Cooper) and Marc, a son Hugo William Matthew.

SWAN - On July 8th, 1988, to Emma (née Wright) and Justin, a daughter, Eleanor Diana.

THOMAS - On July 9th, to Susan (née Manl) and James, a son Jeremy Donald Hare, a brother for Richard.

WHEEN - On July 11th to Anne and Richard, a son, Peter, brother to Timothy, Patrick and Christopher.

WYNDHAM - On July 12th, to Rachel (née Pritchard) and Henry, a son, a brother for Ned and Leo.

DEATHS

BLAND - On July 11th, suddenly, Rev. Michael Bland M.A. Oxon. Formerly Rector of Buckland, Stanton and Snowshill, Gloucestershire. Funeral Service will take place at St. Michael's Church, Buckland on Monday July 18th at 2.15 p.m. Flowers may be sent or if preferred donations for St. Luke's Hospital For The Clergy c/o Selim Smith & Co. 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham, Glos.

CAMERON - On July 13th, suddenly at home, Whitegates, Lindfield, West Sussex, Pauline Anne Kate, aged 48, once residing in Zimbabwe. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

COXON - On July 9th, peacefully at home in Alverstoke. Commander Cedric Coxon L.V.O., R.N. (retd.), aged 67, husband of the late Bonnie (née Hurt), dearly loved father of Rosemary, Susan, Andrew, Sally and Pippa. Adored grandfather of Lucy, Amy, Sophie and Coby. Funeral service to be held at 1.30pm on July 21st at St. Mary's, Alverstoke Gosport, Hampshire. Followed by burial at Ann's Hill Cemetery, Gosport. Enquiries (0705) 581 032.

DAVIES - On July 9th, 1988 in Hospital, Sarita, of Graffham, West Sussex. Sister of the late Sir Dermot Cusack Smith, Bart. Funeral has taken place.

DUTTON - On July 12th at home, Pat, widow of H.W. aged 100. Funeral Service at Beckenham Crematorium on July 18th at 1.00pm. No flowers but donations to Leukaemia Research at St Bartholomew's Hospital EC1A 7BE (The Medical Oncology Research fund c/o Prof Lister) would have pleased her.

FULLER - On July 12th 1988, suddenly at home, Kay, M.B.E., in her 80th year. Former producer B.B.C. World Service. Much loved by her many friends.

GILMOUR - On July 11th 1988, peacefully after a short illness at Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh, Andrew Gilmour C.M.G., late of Singapore and Malaya, dear father of Alan, Sheena, Anne, Andrew, and Valerie, and much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Howdenhall Road, Edinburgh 9, at 2.15 pm on Monday July 18th, on what would have been his 90th birthday.

HEDGES - On July 12th, suddenly, David Paget, son of the late Lionel P. Hedges and the late Eileen Osborne, beloved husband of Susan and father of Jenny, John and Ann. Cremation on Monday July 18th, 2.00pm at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to The Injured Jockeys Fund, Newmarket.

HINCH - On July 7th, peacefully at home after a long brave fight against cancer. Catherine (Kitty) dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother. Private funeral.

HOLDSWORTH-HUNT - On July 10th 1988, peacefully at home in Kensington. Rosamond (née Haggard) beloved wife of the late Lieutenant Colonel Claude Holdsworth-Hunt, Northumberland Fusiliers. Funeral Service at St. Barnabas, Addison Road, W14 for family only at 2.00pm, 18th July, 1988. Flowers to J.H Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W8. 01 937 0757.

HOLMES-WALKER - On July 12th, suddenly at home, Katharine Grace (née Foote), aged 85. Beloved mother of Anthony, dearly loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. Sadly missed by her friends. Funeral on July 19th at 2pm in St Luke's Church, Sidney Street, Chelsea followed by cremation. Enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd Tel. 01-723 3277.

JOHNSTON - On July 12th, 1988, peacefully at home. Millicent Mary (Babs), retired Doctor of Little Oak Waddicombe, Dulverton, Somerset. Private cremation but a service of Thanksgiving will be held at East Anstey Church, on Monday July 25th at 2.30pm. Donations if desired may be given at the church or sent to J Westacott & Son, 2 West Street, South Molton, North Devon, for The R.N.L.I.

JONES - On July 12th 1988 suddenly, John Morris O.B.E of Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire, and St. Johns Wood. Sadly missed. Cremation private at own request. No flowers please.

LAING - On July 13th, peacefully in Inverness, Alexander Grant M.C., of Logie House, Forres, Moray, aged 64. Dearly loved husband of Graeme and much loved Father and Grandfather. Funeral service on Monday 18th July, 2.30pm at Edinkillie Church.

LEIGHTON - On July 10th, in London, Stephen Richard, aged 70, beloved husband of Cynthia Brundrett and father of Bettina Lucie and grandfather of Lianne and Tamara. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, on Friday July 15th, at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations if desired, to the National Heart Hospital.

MACMILLAN DOUGLAS - On July 12th 1988, suddenly at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, Major Ian Louis Egerton Macmillan Douglas O.B.E., J.P. (late of the Gordon Highlanders), in his 75th year. Much loved husband of Tina and devoted father of Angus and Marion. Funeral service at St John's Church, Forfar, on Friday July 15th, at 2.30 p.m. followed by private burial. Family flowers only.

NOAKES - On July 9th, 1988, at home in Scotland, Dorothy Noakes (née Radford) wife of the late James Noakes.

O'HIGGINS - On July 10th, suddenly, in London, Father James O'Higgins S.J., of Campion Hall, Oxford, aged 72. Requiem Mass at St Aloysius, Oxford, on Monday July 18th at 11.00am. May he Rest In Peace.

PETERS - On June 15th, in California, Father William Peters S.J., Retreat Director, and student of Hopkins, aged 77. May he Rest In Peace.

PIERCE - On July 12th, 1988, peacefully, Mary Edith Pierce, aged 66 years. Sister of Canon Garry Pierce. Requiem mass at St. Mary's Church, Coulsdon Road, Old Coulsdon on Thursday, 21st July at 11am. Followed by interment at Streatham Park Cemetery.

RANN - On July 13th peacefully in her sleep, Laura Joy (née Hooper) of Churches Farm, Bromesberrow Ledbury. Beloved wife of Bill and mother of Christopher, Peter, Penelope and Deborah. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held at Bromesberrow Church on Tuesday July 19th at 2.00pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to The British Heart Foundation.

SUMMERHAYES - On July 12th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Sir Christopher Summerhayes, K.B.E., C.M.G., aged 92, a much loved brother, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at St Andrews Church, Limpsfield Chart, Oxted, Surrey at 12 noon on Wednesday July 20th. Family flowers only. Donations in memory to London Central YMCA, c/o General Secretary, 112 Great Russell Street, London WC1.

TREVELYAN - On July 12th, Julian Otto, much loved husband of Mary and father of Philip. Funeral private. No flowers please.

WOOTTON - On July 11th, 1988, Barbara, The Baroness Wootton of Abinger C.H. in Surrey. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, Wednesday July 20th at 12.00 noon. Flowers to Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill or donations to the Independent Adoption Service, 121 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0HP.

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Princess Michael of Kent, as a trustee, will attend a Victoria and Albert Museum board meeting at 10.00.

Anniversaries

Births: John Gibson Lockhart, biographer of Sir Walter Scott, near Wishaw, Strathclyde, 1794; James McNeill Whistler, painter and wit, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1834; Emmeline Pankhurst, suffragette, Manchester, 1858; Gustave Klimt, Art Nouveau painter, Vienna, 1862; Gertrude Bell, traveller, Washington Hall, Co Durham, 1868; Woody Guthrie, folk singer, Okemah, Oklahoma, 1912.

Deaths: Madame de Staël, writer, Paris, 1817; Sir William Henry Parkin, chemist, Harrow, 1907; Grock (Adrien Wettach), clown, Imperia, Italy, 1959; Adlai Stevenson, American statesman, London, 1967.

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Material Supply Division
City Hall
Victoria Street
London SW1E 6QP
F.A.O Mr A. Moyle

All applications should be received by 21st July 1988 at the latest, and tender forms will be sent out at the discretion of the City of Westminster.

PUBLIC NOTICES

REVERTER OF SITES ACT 1987
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
CHARITY COMMISSIONERS SCHEME
RE: THE FORMER SWATON OLD
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

THE TRUSTEES of Swaton Old Church of England School (hereinafter called "the Trustees") comprised in a Deed of Grant dated 17th August 1862 made by THE REVEREND DANIEL HENRY LEE WARNER of Walsingham Abbey in the County of Norfolk Clerk and HENRY LEE WARNER of Basham Grange in the County of Berks. Esquire under the authority of the School Sites Acts to THE VICAR AND CHURCHWARDENS OF THE PARISH OF SWATON in the County of Lincoln and their successors HEREBY GIVE NOTICE as follows:-

1. A trust for sale in relation to the Swaton Old Church of England School (which closed on 31st August 1981) has arisen by virtue of the provision of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987, the said School immediately before its closure being vested in the Trustees in their capacity as the Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish of Swaton.
2. Application is to be made by the Trustees to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales to establish a Scheme which
   (a) extinguishes the rights of beneficiaries under the Trust and
   (b) requires the Trustees to hold the property on trust for such charitable purposes as may be specified in the Order
3. Any beneficiary wishing to oppose the extinguishment of his rights should notify his claim to the Trustees by notice *in writing* addressed to THE TRUSTEES OF SWATON OLD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL c/o T.G. Cannon Esq., Cardyke Farm, Swaton, Sleeford, Lincs., NG34 0JW, so as to reach the Trustees not later than *Friday* 14th October 1988.

Dated this 14th day of July 1988
T G. CANNON
for and on behalf of
THE TRUSTEES OF SWATON OLD
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

CHARITY COMMISSION
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The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (Ref: 243688 A/1 LA) at St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX. *Objections and suggestions may be* sent to them within *one* month from today.

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Notice of an application for an authorisation to construct and use a pipe-line.

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Room 1076
Thames House South
London SW1P 4QJ
Thurrock Borough Council
Civic Offices
New Road
Grays Thurrock
Essex, RM17 6SL

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R D Sammons - Secretary
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A J Katz FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver
AJK/sc/5684C

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 002487 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF MOSAIC INVESTMENTS PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 13th day of June 1988 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 6th July, 1988.

Dated the 12th day of July 1988
Wragge & Co Bank House, 8 Cherry Street, Birmingham, B2 5JY.
(Ref. 13347/6/JQP/GDH)
Solicitors for the above-named Company

Notice of appointment of liquidator
(Members'/Creditors')
voluntary winding up
Pursuant to Section 600 of
the Companies Act 1985

Company number: 1951368. Name of company: Corner to Corner Limited. Address of registered office: 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex, IG8 0PA. Liquidators name and address Richard Andrew Segal, 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex, IG8 0PA. Date of appointment 6th July 1988. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors.

R A Segal - Liquidator
Date. 8th July 1988

SHAND PRINTING DEVICES LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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Dated this 7th day of July 1988
Roger Smith - Liquidator

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
In the matter of Bronzeash Limited
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Melvyn L. Rose, F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
Liquidator

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
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In the High Court No. 2901 OF 1987
In the matter of Elizabeth Quirke - In Bankruptcy.

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THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6.124 (1)
In the High Court No 4064 OF 1987
In the matter of Owen Robert Smith - In Bankruptcy.

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RULE 6.124 (1)
In the Northampton County Court No 10 OF 1987
In the matter of Melvyn Edwin Wyatt - In Bankruptcy.

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THE ARTS

David Robinson reviews Nikita Mikhalkov's Chekhov-based tale of seduction, and the rest of the week's new releases

To Russia with love Italian style

CINEMA

Dark Eyes (PG)
Curzon Mayfair

The Monster Squad (15)
Odeon Marble Arch

Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (PG)
Warner West End;
Cannons Haymarket,
Oxford Street

Sherman's March (PG)
ICA

Nikita Mikhalkov is on record as saying that he is one of those to whom *perestroika* is irrelevant. He and his brother Andrei Konchalovsky, director of *Maria's Lovers, Runaway Train* and *Shy People*, come from a privileged family (their poet father not only wrote the national anthem, but also an inspirational piece, "Rock music is like Aids, an Illness Without a Cure") and had already established cosmopolitan lives for themselves when passports were a rarity for most Soviet citizens.

At home in the USSR, Mikhalkov made a series of elegant small-scale films, several of them period pieces. Among these was *Unfinished Piece for Mechanical Piano*, based on Chekhov's *Platonov*. Mikhalkov returns to Chekhov for his first Italian production, the seductive and decorative Dark Eyes, shot in Italy and the Soviet Union. The script, by Mikhalkov with Alexander Adabachian, amalgamates elements from several Chekhov stories, including *The Lady with the Little Dog*, which inspired Josef Heifits' classic 1960 film.

As the central character, Romano, Marcello Mastroianni plays a role that he has often played before with slight variations; and reveals that at heart he has always been a character from Chekhov — likeable and ineffectual, cowardly and faithless, thoughtless and superficial, quietly desperate, a buffoon.

Romano relates his story to a modest, kindly Russian he meets *in the empty dining room of a* passenger steamer. In the flashback first act we see his marriage to a rich woman (Silvana Mangano), ignored and despised in his own house. In the second act he retreats to a spa, where in the midst of his philandering, he seduces and falls in love with a melancholy young Russian beauty, Anna (Elena Sofonova). Anna flees in remorse.

In the third act, Romano pursues her to the remote Russian provinces, finds her imprisoned in a miserable marriage, and promises to return for her. The fourth act sees his return to Italy and the inevitable betrayal. The film ends with an ironic coda, back on the passenger boat.

"Our purpose," says Mikhalkov, "was not to transpose Chekhov's stories to the screen but to create a Chekhovian environment. We didn't try to respect the work to the letter but in its spirit."

There is tragedy in Romano's inability to prevent himself lying and betraying; and in the imbalance between the depth of Anna's passion and his own incurable shallowness. Yet, as in many of Chekhov's most tragic stories, the overall style is burlesque, at its most grotesque in the scenes of the daily rituals of the spa or the absurdities of Russian small-town society.

It is packed with gems of sardonic comedy, like the concert at which a seraphic infant prodigy performs doggedly on the piano for the utterly unappreciative party guests; or where Romano, posing as an industrialist, demonstrates the merits of unbreakable glass to sceptical provincials.

Mastroianni's effortlessly unflawed performance is matched by those of the exquisite Elena Sofonova, Silvana Mangano, Vsevolod Larionov (as the kindly stranger) and Innokenti Smoktunovsky (Hamlet in Kozintsev'a memorable Russian version), seen *in a brief, telling appearance as a* provincial governor. The pleasures are impaired only by an itch to trim several scenes in the diffuse last quarter of the film.

American children, much more than the rest of the world, are exposed to nostalgia fall-out from the constant flow of old B-pictures tapped by television into homes in the United states. In **The Monster Squad**, the 28-year-old director Fred Dekker and his co-writer Shane Black celebrate the B-movie culture they share with their juvenile audience.

Recalling the declining days of *horror movies when the star* monsters were bumper-packed in Somebody Meets Somebody pictures, he has Dracula, The Mummy, Wolfman and Frankenstein's Monster, along with an assortment of vampires and zombies, invade a quiet little mid-West town on some fiendish mission.

The Monster Squad itself, a club of 12-year-old monster freaks, revives the spirit of Our Gang comedies, with the obligatory fat boy, pint-sized side-kick and precocious tag-along baby sister — *who comes in handy when a virgin* is required for some magic mumbo-jumbo, the town's older girls having forfeited their eligibility.

English kids may not pick up all the old movie references — like the *friendship between Frankenstein's* dopey monster and the little girl — but there is a wealth of special effects, for once more funny than stomach-turning, to compensate. Even where the action drags, too, the Monster Squad themselves remain attractive and not too cute, with a fairly acerbic line in dialogue.

Surmising, perhaps, that British parents might nonetheless find them too dirty-mouthed to be playmates for their own offspring, the British censors have given *The Monster Squad* a "15" certificate, which will effectively exclude its intended audience.

Our Gang would seem excessively sophisticated beside the antics of the infantile cops in **Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach**. Although the successive annual additions to the series have grossed a cumulative total of $455 million, film by film the returns have shown a progressive sharp decline, matching the fall-off in energy and humour. The latest contribution conforms to the trend.

The idiots of the Academy migrate *en masse* to a Miami convention where their beloved but gaga old chief (George Gaynes) is to be honoured and retired. The same old characters go through the same old routines, setting one another on fire, falling into the water, expelling wind and in general aiming at the comic sensibilities of people in perambulators. *The director* was Alan Myerson, the writer Stephen J.Curwick.

Sherman's March is an egocentric trip by a documentary film maker, Ross McElwee. The premise (and probably the fact of *the matter) is that he has a grant to* make a film about the remaining evidence of the American Union commander William Sherman's devastating march through the South during the Civil War.

That could have been interesting; but instead McElwee, inspired by his sister's advice that a camera is a great gambit for meeting women, embarks on a road movie in search of women, himself and (incidentally and superficially) connections between memories of *the Civil War and apprehensions* of nuclear disaster.

The encounters are occasionally amusing, but McElwee has neither the quirky humour of a Jim Jarmusch or the personal charm to keep us diverted for two and a half hours of a *kind of home movie*.

Mastroianni's effortlessly unflawed performance in Dark Eyes is matched by the exquisite Elena Sofonova (above) as the melancholy young Russian beauty whom he ultimately betrays

A stiff upper lip

TELEVISION

Before the invention of recording technology, voice-overs were mostly done by God or ventriloquists — or perhaps both in the case of the deviously enterprising vocalist who got rid of a medieval pope by installing a secret speaking tube and telling the unfortunate pontiff that it was his boss calling and that he was fired.

Indeed, the improbably miraculous attributes of voice throwing lasted long enough to make some of the early radio stars ventriloquists. Serious but not divine actors had to content themselves with asides when they wished to show publicly what they were keeping to themselves.

But then film and television allowed the audience to reach parts of characters other characters could not reach.

Last night television's adaptation of two very different plays chose opposite solutions to the problems of dramatically representing interior monologue. In the first part of HTV's three-part production of Eugene O'Neill's mammoth, laboured, symbolically cumbersome but bizarrely addictive psychological drama, *Strange Interlude* (Channel 4), all temptation to use voice overs was resisted.

The lack of intrusive close-ups during voice overs was perhaps welcomed by the strong cast since, with Jose Ferrer as the still working Professor Lead, Glenda Jackson as his slip of a daughter and Edward Petherbridge as her novellist admirer, there was some poetic licence with age. But though Petherbridge was as brilliantly nimble as ever, Ferrer, and to a lesser extent Jackson, were perhaps too respectful or the dated *portentousness of O'Neill's trial* by words.

There was no fear of close-ups during a voice over in BBC1's production of Rib Davis's pertinent, Edinburgh fringe festival prize-winning prison play *No Further Cause for Concern*, when the central figure Danny (Sean Chapman) ended up talking to himself with his mouth shut in solitary confinement.

Though not dramatically innovative, the play was an important reminder that our prisons make mockery of our claims to be a civilized society.

Andrew Hislop

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Swan or ugly duckling?

DANCE

Swan Lake
Coliseum

One thing about putting on *Swan Lake* is that the title alone more or less guarantees good houses, however much the critics might trounce the production.

So it is sensible of London Festival Ballet to open its short season at the Coliseum with Natalia Makarova's new staging, premièred at Bradford in April, even though some of us might think that next week's programmes, with their variety of choreographic styles and rich *assembly of star talents, are likely* to do more justice to the company and to Peter Schaufuss's stewardship of it.

The odd thing about this *Swan Lake* is that it does not really make the company look very good. Surprising, that, after the results Makarova achieved with *Bayadere*, and I suspect that the cause is that Makarova herself jumped very young into leading roles and never had to work her way up through the smaller and larger solo parts. Consequently she does not realize how vital those are to a company's health and has cut most of them out.

That would matter less if she had brought the central love story to vivid life, but she treats the plot in a perfunctory way, and her own choreographic links, between chunks by Ashton and after Ivanov or Petipa, are stodgy. It may be that one or other of the season's varied casts will bring it off in spite of that.

Staid: Schaufuss and Hall

Andria Hall, at Tuesday's opening performance had the advantage of being allowed to dance both aspects of the ballerina role, good romantic Odette and glittering bad Odile. (Some nights Makarova shares them out: a bad decision which needs rethinking.) But Hall and Peter Schaufuss although generally very correct in their dancing, gave somewhat staid performances, relying on *presentation more than content* for effect.

The one real highlight in this performance was the Ashton *Pas de Quatre* in Act I, much more satisfactorily cast and danced than at the Bradford première. Trinidad Sevillano especially was a sheer delight in the solo originally made for Sibley, to which she brought a seductive twinkle all her own.

But Christine Camillo as the other woman, Patrick Armand and Alessandro Molin as their cavaliers, were also in sparkling form. It must be a good omen that all of these are due to take the leads during the run.

The orchestral playing under Graham Bond was brisk and stormy, which is more apt to some episodes of the ballet than to Tchaikovsky's *music as a whole*.

John Percival

Outlook renewed

OPERA

Paul Bunyan
Royal College of Music

Paul Bunyan stands astride 1988, "tall as the Empire State", with all the new-found confidence born of renewed recreative attention. Britten's first stage work, the operetta-parable focused on the giant lumberjack of American folk lore, has seen within two months a new critical edition of Auden's libretto, an important recording and a semi-staged production at Aldeburgh reviewed here a month ago by Paul Griffiths.

Mike Ashman's production for the Royal College of Music is a fitting crescendo to its year of rehabilitation. Its solutions to the shifting levels of narration, tone of voice and message have a simplicity and lack of self-consciousness which belong uniquely to the work itself.

The ballad refrains are sung, wittily and melodiously, by Jason Howard, the accompaniment of fiddle, bass and guitar in front of the curtain; the "choric" dog, cats and humans are dressed in the black and white top-hattery of the Broadway musical. Bunyan himself stands, Prospero-like, at the top of a central spiral staircase; he descends to barrow Hell, and rises to the theatre's balcony to take his leave.

Bernard Culshaw's strikingly economic design focuses each most powerfully grouped and animated scene as America — and mankind — crawls from primeval void to civilization. Tall tree trunks, already shadowing the iron uprights of industry, provide the darkness of the first act. At the start of the second, their verticals *have become the criss-crossed* horizontal logs of wage economy. By the end, they are cleared to reveal the sunrise of a brave new world.

John Bishop's eloquent lighting narrows the space for each individual "number" to strike a vivid visual image: the moral bewilderment of the bespectacled Johnny Inkslinger (Philip Sheffield); the sunbeamed entry of Slim (Simon Haynes); the long diagonal of Tiny's veil of mourning (Diane Horsey, a fragile soprano, well cast); the huge screen projected silhouettes of the fight of Hel Helson (Ashley Thorburn) with Paul (Adrian Fisher), a David and Goliath in moral reverse. James Lockhart draws sharp, fresh playing from the pit. Student replacements conduct tonight and tomorrow.

Hilary Finch

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Pit-inspired rediscovery

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Probably no tradition survives without some kind of interruption, and the demise of the original D'Oyly Carte company in 1982 may have been no bad thing for the future of a national institution which had become too institutionalized.

Certainly, the new D'Oyly Carte company, reaching London for its first season after a nationwide tour, brings a sense of freshness and rediscovery, which is not just a question of new blood but also of a new look at Gilbert's text and, more especially, Sullivan's score.

The immediate impression, after a splendidly spry overture with each strand in the texture clear yet integrated (the pastoral woodwind particularly vivacious), is of revival inspired from the pit. Music director Bramwell Tovey has gone back to Sullivan's manuscript and coaxed his players into producing a lovely transparent sound and lightly-sprung rhythms with, at times, a distinctly continental lilt.

Among the principals, Richard Suart's Lord Chancellor is irrepressibly nimble of foot as well as of tongue, with a voice as dry yet penetrating as elderly claret: a performance in the best of the old Savoyard tradition, just a touch to arch for my liking at moments.

Gillian Knight as Queen of the Fairies has all the contralto chest register one could wish for (shades of Edith Evans as Lady Bracknell), yet she also manages to give this preposterous character genuine pathos with some beautifully floated pianissimo singing in that classically Victorian ode to sublimation, "Oh, foolish fay".

In the title part (actually rather more preposterous, when you come to think about it), Thora Ker looks lovely and dignified and sings with just the right controlled purity of tone. What more could one ask of a 200-year-old fairy with a grown-up son, who married the Lord Chancellor and looks 17?

John Cashmore sings Strephon well enough but does seem to be going through the amorous swainly motions, not quite swept off his feet with passion. It may have something to do with his peculiar cowboy hat. Vivian Tierney is both pert and robust as Phyllis, perfectly capable of taking on the Upper House *in toto*: an amusing portrayal, very competently sung.

The peers themselves, magnificently introduced by fanfares from the Grenadier Guards Band, are well matched by a chorus of all-too-human fairies.

Harry Eyres

Girl Crazy
Guildhall School,
Barbican

The end of year shows staged by drama schools offer a chance to catch up on musicals one knows only by repute: this early Gershwin, for example, dating from 1930, may offer no opportunity for spectacular scenic effect but has songs instead.

Last year the Guildhall School of Music and Drama showed Gershwin's first hit *Lady Be Good*.

The plot transports girl-crazy Danny (Mickey Rooney in the film) from New York to Arizona where he falls for a local mail girl. They declare their love to the lilt of "Embraceable You", she loses him to The Land of the Gay Caballero — but this is 1930, remember: it is she who goes with the other man — and all ends happily "when it's cactus time in Arizona".

It is not a show to test a student's emotional range but does teach variety of pace: one scene has the cantering rhythm of "Bronco Buster" cheekily echoing "The Ride of the Walkyries" between the lines, the next contains a sex 'n' smoke number, "Sam and Delilah", and the hectic, syncopated pulse of "I Got Rhythm". This was the number that rocketed Ethel Merman to fame and it has to be said that her equivalent here misses the gutsy potential of the role.

Ben Miles and Anne Riley project sincerity in the leading roles as the leading pair. But the production's richest character is Gieber Goldfarb, fresh (very fresh) from Brooklyn and forced to stand for sheriff against the local bad man. Jonathan Donne's engaging performance combined quick vaudeville wit with a physique of a venturesome young bull, and he has the show's best lines. "Don't shoot," squeals the bad man (Andrew Coughlan), temporarily downed, "I'll give you $50 for the gun!" Gieber nods: "How can you shoot a man when he's talking business."

Jeremy Kingston

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Singer of Suburbia

Philip Howard reviews the first volume of a life of the *enfant terrible* who became the Poet Laureate and National Institution

John Betjeman was the most popular English poet since Tennyson, or at any rate Kipling. (There is no exact measurement of such a judgement, which is why it can be made without fear of contradiction.) He rhymed and jingled in the memory, and appealed to the nostalgia and snobbery of a middle-class audience far wider than the usual poetry-reading classes. He graduated from being a prickly and unsuccessful intellectual *enfant terrible* in the Thirties to Grand Old Victorian Uncle on television, conservationist and teddy-bear to the nation, finding a wistful poetry in Tuffnell Park and Turnham Green, Woolworth's and fizzy lemonade and ABC tea-rooms, proclaiming to the suburbs the cosy truth about themselves in their own tongue. He was the poet the royals read, and became a national institution, and the Poet Laureate who was most suited to his official duties as good-humoured herald of state occasions. But he was always a minor poet: *sentimental*, an unheroic Housman of the darkest Northern Line.

YOUNG BETJEMAN
By Bevis Hillier
John Murray, £15.95

This is the first volume of a major biography of a minor poet. In nearly 500 pages it takes Betjeman from roots and birth only to marriage at the age of 27, when he was a not very famous journalist: "I write and I write and I write under different names and in different styles, yet no one has heard of either me or my pseudonyms. I must have written the word architecture more times than there are people in England who can pronounce it properly." The book is done with diligence and style. Bevis Hillier, who shares his subject's sense of mischief, wearing his vivacity like a pop waistcoat beneath his sober biographical tweeds, has spent ten years on this book. He has interviewed almost everyone and read almost everything that could possibly be relevant. The result is lively, and balanced, and full. The question arises (only faintly) whether the genre of heavyweight biography is not a bit overpowering for Betjeman, like putting a clown in court dress, or a top hat on a Bradford millionaire. Do we really *need* that much minute textual analysis of the sources and echoes in 13-year-old Betjeman's very juvenile juvenilia in *The Draconian*, the magazine of the Dragon School? Do we care whether the influence was Charles Stuart Calverley or Eliza Pollen? Do we want such lengthy consideration of whether Betjeman went to bed with Auden at Oxford? They may have been discovered in bed by Auden's scout, who may have had to be bribed with £5 to keep his mouth shut about it, and Auden may have added the punchline: "It wasn't worth the £5."

Well, I'm not sure that I need quite so much detail; but then I enjoy Betjeman a fair way this side idolatry. But, Gosh and Golly, those who are in love with the Bright Young Things and the far-off popinjays of Oxford in the Thirties, the Mitford gels and the Longfords, Harold Acton and Maurice Bowra, will find a rich source of gossip and anecdote and previously unrecorded Betjemaniana. I could have done with a bit of subbing down, particularly of Betjeman's flirtatious letters in intolerably twee literary Oirish and English words transcribed in Greek script.

Bevis Hillier is aware of the dangers of delicious logorrhea. He writes the longest "short" reviews of anybody since Tom Macaulay. Betjeman himself could bang on a bit: "The poem, which starts in the next column and goes on for such a long time in the others..." Hillier claims that he is not an admirer of the Nennian school of biography. Nennius wrote: *Coacervavi omne quod inveni* – "I have bunged in everything I could lay my hands on." But because he has talked to so many of the primary sources, Betjeman and his wife, their friends and associates, Hillier feels that he has a duty to record much of what they said as source material for posterity. Again he protests a shade too much about the prolixity of his notes, which would have made Servius glossing Virgil scream with jealousy. He cannot write a sentence without stamping his footnote on it ("Foot and note disease", Betjeman called it), and the notes contain some marvellously close scholarship on topics ranging from the use of horse chestnuts in the manufacture of cordite to possible dastardliness of an Uncle Silas sort in the upper branches of the Meyrick family tree.

Such meticulous scholarship brings out the pedant in all of us. Note: Betjeman's snippet in the *Daily Express* gossip column of 17 November 1928 about an Oxford undergraduate leading a lobster down the High by a pale blue ribbon was cribbed from Gérard de Nerval in the Palais-Royal. And Betjeman spoiled the answer to the question why by reversing the reasons. It should be: "Because it doesn't bark, and it knows the secrets of the sea" (not "deep").

This first volume is the story of an original and clever failure, and the making of a minor poet. It tells how the spoiled, only child of a father in trade (making Asprey's cocktail cabinets and such for those born with a silver swizzle-stick in their mouths) rose above his background, of which he was ashamed; endured the rigours of philistine Marlborough by making himself a character; found himself at Oxford (though failing repeatedly in Divinity, of all subjects) as joker, actor, journalist, playboy; taught in a prep school (the last refuge of those without a degree) where he sounds alarming fun; became an eccentric social climber and cherisher of grudges for real or imagined slights down the ages; found a niche as all-purpose scribbler for *The Architectural Review*; and after several half-hearted misses married into a pukka Army family that thought him a dreadful parvenu. Lady Chetwode went around saying: "My daughter's got entangled with a little middle-class Dutchman," and told her daughter: "We ask people like that to our houses, but we don't marry them."

On the way there is much amusing social history and gossip about that golden, or at any gilded in its opinion of itself, generation. John Betjeman at Oxford with a crush on Hugh Gaitskell saying to him: "Hugh may I stroke your bottom?" And Gaitskell replying: "Oh, I suppose so, if you *must*." There is much loving hunt-the-thimble for the sources of the early verses, and a fair amount of previously unpublished verse and prose. One can see why it has not been published before. For Betjemanes the book is a fat feast of delights. For Betjemaybes it is a persuasive and moving account of the creation of one of the endearing eccentrics of our century. There is no room for another Betjeman biog for ages.

GLYNN BOYD HARTE

Archibald and the Young Poet

Maker's myths of fur and fowl

FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

TALES OF THE EARLY WORLD
By Ted Hughes
Faber, £5.95

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GLOOMY GUS OF THE CHICAGO BEARS?
By Robert Coover
Heinemann, £9.95

THE PARABLE OF THE BLIND
By Gert Hofmann
Secker & Warburg, £10.95

JOURNEY TO THE END OF THE NIGHT
By Louis-Ferdinand Céline
John Calder, £14.95

Like William Blake, Ted Hughes takes the Bible to heart. Only as little children may we approach the divine. *Tales of the Early World* may seem to be a children's book, but it is for all people who still have the sense of wonder of the young. The tales are the tales of creation, with God the Artificer making His birds and beasts. The playful invention of the Poet Laureate is almost greater than that of the Creator Himself. Blake's Tyger, tyger, burning bright, is created by God's mother to bring a baby to lifeless woman and revive her, and then is shrunk to the size of the domestic cat. God's clay leftovers become the lion with a hunger for sausages. When God tries to stop his leftovers from eating all the other animals, the lion says, "I'm your fault. I'm rubbish, aren't I?" All very irreverent, but with a worship for all the creatures of the earth that makes this new Genesis enthralling to read.

The language of these tales make them burn in the mind. Gazelles drift like shadows of clouds; eels are told by the new moon that they are the sweetest of fish. The trunks of elephants become worms, forever digging up deep earth to find the mystic clay that will complete them. All the elements are related, all being is praised in these stories that pay tribute to a poet's vision of the beauty of fish, fur, and fowl. *Tales of the Early World* and his previous *What Is The Truth?* make Ted Hughes the finest writer of children's stories for all ages since Kipling put down his pen on the last of his *Just So Stories*.

Robert Coover's fable about the American dream hero is wry, illuminating, and provocative. The brilliant device of making the narrator a Marxist Jew alienates the reader from the work ethic that drives Gloomy Gus to his apotheosis as the greatest lover and halfback in American history. Gus finally dies on a supreme run, juggling a gas grenade between strikers and goons outside a Chicago factory. So he brings together the sporting, sexual, and labour myths of the Thirties in one terminal perfect play.

Robert Coover has become the Nathanael West of modern writers, hiding parable and parody under a sufficient cloak of realism to put over a credible story and characters. Actually, *Whatever Happened to Gloomy Gus of the Chicago Bears?* is a savage and moralistic attack on professional American sports, which are said to reflect the sickness of society. Gus drills himself in all aspects of football and foreplay so that he can conquer men and women on and off the field. He is a cartoon of the social product, "a mirror image of the insane nation that created him". In holding up this magnifying and distorting glass to the United States, Coover has produced a hero larger than life, whose excesses are a paradigm of his country and warn of a grossness in the body politic.

The Parable of the Blind is the name of Pieter Bruegel's painting of six blind men stumbling and falling and screaming. This is what they have to do in Gert Hofmann's novel of the same name. They are woken by a knocker at a barn door and given food and mocked by villagers. They find their way to a pond and the painter, who makes them practise their poses. They are led back to the barn in the night which they cannot see. For their scene is always darkness, and they will never know what they now represent forever in the painting for the generations that come after.

There is no one-eyed king in this world of the six blind men. We inhabit their incomprehension, suffer their pitfalls. We read with a sack over our heads. Gert Hofmann has learned from Samuel Beckett – simple conversations of infinite suggestion and no consequence, the description of action after action leading nowhere. But this true parable of the blind has a claustrophobic power that makes Hofmann the most singular writer to come from Germany since Heinrich Böll. In imagining how Bruegel's blind men came to be painted, he has set permanently in words the opaque sight of those who cannot see.

The classic *Journey to the End of the Night* has been unavailable in a hardbound edition for too long. It increased the French language to a greater degree than anything since the works of Rabelais, and stands with Joyce's *Ulysses* as the most important novel of wordplay in modern times. The problem of its rarity lies in Céline's politics in the Second World War, his rabid anti-Semitism and collaboration with the Nazi occupation of France. In fact, he was a doctor of the poor with a trepanned skull, as insane and rational as any King Lear, as vicious and profound as any Jonathan Swift. The publishers of Céline's nightmarish account of his life from the First World War until the Thirties in the person of Bardamu have printed a new English version by the best of Céline's translators, Ralph Manheim. But they have provided an inadequate introduction, which fails to explain the value of the work or the complex and contradictory character of its author, always on a journey to the end of himself in a series of excoriating and disjointed writings.

The roar of the turf

Woodrow Wyatt

HORSESWEAT AND TEARS
By Simon Barnes
Heinemann, £12.95

Simon Barnes spent all 1987 in the stables of John Dunlop, the eminent trainer. "There is a line in Anthony Powell that always reminds me of John Dunlop: 'His face bore that look of sadness with which you associate people accustomed throughout their lives to the boundless unreliability of horses.'" As might be expected from someone conversant with Anthony Powell, Simon Barnes is civilized and delicate in his observations, with only an occasional touch of elegant hyperbole induced by his bubbling enthusiasm. This is no prosaic racing book, full of statistics, pedigrees and boring accounts of long-past races. It is a hymn to the romance of racing and all connected with it.

Owners, trainers, jockeys, apprentices, stable lads, and punters are under its spell. There is no rational explanation. It is almost impossible for owners to make money, however much they spend, unless they are breeders as well; and it is pretty difficult to make that pay. For every triumphant winner there is a shoal of the defeated trailing behind. The losses of the Arabs, who have done much good for British racing, are unimaginable. Statistically punters over any length of time cannot win: the infrequent coup is overwhelmed by the disasters. Some trainers and jockeys can make a good living. Stable lads even after 20 years of exceptionally hard life struggle on a pittance not much above £100 a week.

The rich and poor are united by their love of the beautiful, wayward, man-made athlete, the thoroughbred racehorse. The racehorse has been overbred to produce nothing but speed. That is why so many break down, and why it is especially perilous to race two-year-old horses not yet fully grown into their strength and bone structure. John Dunlop has 200 horses in his stables. The hopes for them all are realized by only a few. The morale of the stable depends on a steady flow of wins from the exceptional successful horses.

Dunlop: man of many horses

The beginning of the 1987 flat race season was a bad one in every way for John Dunlop. His son Tim who would have preferred to train horses than be in a merchant bank was killed in a car accident on May 14. John Dunlop could not face a race meeting until after Ascot because the English in Simon Barnes's words "know neither how to give nor how to receive sympathy". John Dunlop could not bear to embarrass the people he would have to meet. His ill luck hovered over the racecourses, where his great stable had no winners for 23 days. Eventually his luck turned, and winners of handsome prize monies started in July, making 1987 a good racing year, though not the best of years.

John Dunlop is patently honest, meticulously attentive to the details of each horse, and patiently amiable and available to all owners however difficult. His skills are supreme, with the best horses down to the worst, if they have the slightest chance of winning a race. The eponymous Promise Kept had a deformed spine. It belonged to a *Señora* whom he had promised to train the first horse she bred. Against all probabilities he got Promise Kept to win a small race at Nottingham. It was easier with Moon Madness, owned by Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, who with her husband gave Dunlop his opportunity to train. The Duchess, though severely ill, went to Saint-Cloud to watch this four-year-old compete for a prize of £127,000. "But thank the Lord," Dunlop said, "it all worked out, the horse won, and from that day on, the Duchess started to improve herself."

Simon Barnes's beautifully written book will be enjoyed by those who know nothing about racing and those who know a lot. It is moving, funny, exciting, and full of human, as well as horse, nature, and will enhance the status of racing among the general public. His praises of John Dunlop, who is a genius trainer, are fully justified.

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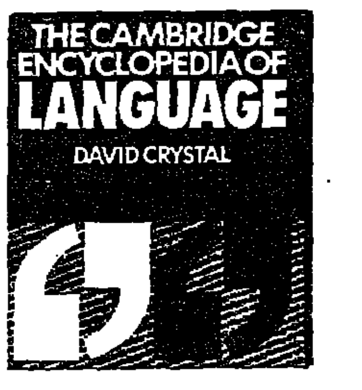

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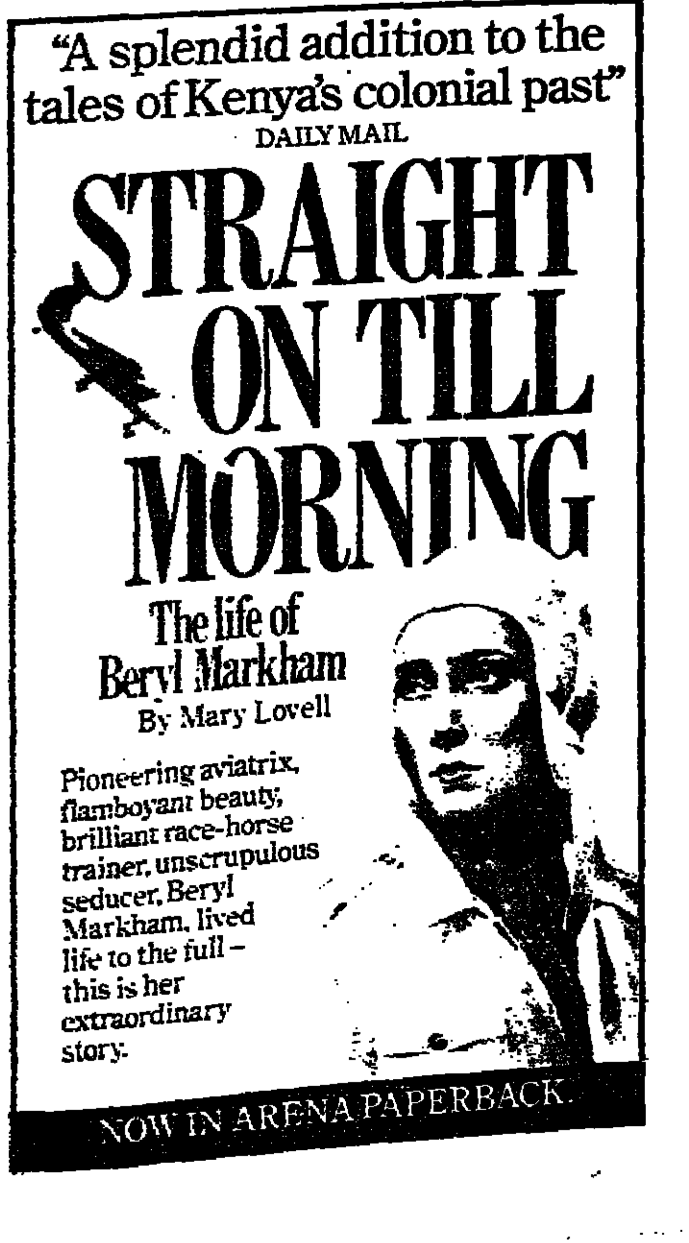

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CRIME

Marcel Berlins

INTO THE NIGHT
By Cornell Woolrich
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Unfinished novels are commonplace. *Into the Night* was not only not quite finished when Woolrich died in 1968; it also lacked its first 23 pages. Brave Lawrence Block, himself no mean crimesmith, has topped and tailed, and the novel is now published for the first time. A young woman who accidentally kills another is driven by guilt to take revenge for the wrongs done to the dead girl. Woolrich had a sympathy for bleak, shadowy lives; his writing is edgy; the mood he evokes is haunting and disturbing. At his best he was an unsurpassed crafter of atmospheric suspense mysteries. *Into the Night* isn't near his best, but its grip seldom slackens and there are passages of magnificent writing.

● **Hoodwink**, by Paula Gosling *(Macmillan £9.95)*. Everyone's a comedian, and incompetence rules in entertainingly over-the-top Tom Sharpish romp featuring an inspired assortment of cops, gangsters, undercover agents, drunks, wayward furniture, and missing documents. Somewhere there's a good mystery too.

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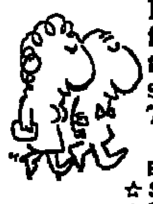

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Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8pm and 9-11pm, £8.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **A BRIGHT ROOM CALLED DAY:** Series of new American plays opens with Tony Kushner's strong political piece set in pre-Hitler Berlin; with Kika Markham and Frank Grimes.
Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Previews until July 17, 8pm. Opens July 18, 7pm, closed July 19, but then Tues-Sun 8pm, £5.

☆ **LE CIRQUE IMAGINAIRE:** Return of Victoria Chaplin and Jean-Baptiste Thierrée in quaint show much loved by fans.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-236 5568) Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, £8.50-£12.50.

☆ **DOWNFALL:** A close look at contemporary urban terror by Gregory Motton, highly promising author of *Ambulance*.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, mats Sat 3.30-5.30pm, £4-£6.

☆ **EXCEPTIONS:** Jill Bennett plays a retired Latin teacher involved in the lives of a German refugee couple and their daughter back in the '50s.
New End Theatre, 27 New End NW3 (01-794 0022). Tube: Hampstead. Previews until Mon 8pm. Opens July 20, *7pm, then Tues-Sat 8pm,* £5.50-£6.50.

☆ **GREEK:** Steven Berkoff's savage version of *Oedipus*, set in East London.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Sat 5-7.15pm, £5.50-£13.50.

☆ **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD:** James Quinn as the wise white lawyer in Harper Lee's best-seller about growing up in Alabama. Based on the Contact Theatre, Manchester production, directed by Anthony Clark.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwhich. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £4.50-£10.

☆ **TEECHERS:** John Godber's end-of-term play within a play: funny with sad bits.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 9-11pm, early performances on Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm, £3.25-£5.

☆ **ZIEGFELD:** Spectacular musical based on the life of the man who made the famous *Follies*, and costing a bomb.
London Palladium, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.45-5.30pm, £3.25-£21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: ☆ **The Royal Baccarat Scandal:** Did the Colonel cheat that night at Tranby Croft in 1890? Royce Ryton's play reveals all, helped by Keith Michell, Fiona Fullerton, Gerald Harper.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312) Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, £6.50-£12.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Born Yesterday:** Brenda Blethyn plays the archetypal dumb blonde in a welcome revival of a great comedy.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, £2.60-£9.50.

NEWBURY: ★ **My Wife Whatsername:** Harassed diplomat manoeuvres ex-wife, girlfriend and foreign persons in premiere of new farce.
Watermill Theatre, Bagnor, nr Newbury (0635 45834), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3.75-£8.50.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **Gregory's Girl:** Stage version of the famous film: football plus a girl.
Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, £4-£6.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⌘ **Advance booking possible**

■ **APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH (PG):** Over-familiar Agatha Christie thriller from the Cannon factory, in which Peter Ustinov's Hercule Poirot solves a murder in Palestine (102 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.

■ **BROADCAST NEWS (15):** Slick drama about network TV journalism from James L Brooks *(Terms of Endearment):* with William Hurt, Albert Brooks, Holly Hunter as the trio caught in a jumble of professional and romantic problems (132 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.00, 4.50, 7.40.

■ **CRY FREEDOM (PG):** Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
⌘ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00.

■ **DEADLY PURSUIT (PG):** Sidney Poitier returns to the screen after a decade's absence as an FBI veteran teamed with a backwoodsman in the pursuit of a murderous villain (110 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.45, 8.25.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.40, 5.25, 8.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.25, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.25, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
⌘ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30.

Trouble on the Tyne

Cambridge's 12th film festival kicks off tonight with two British premieres. *Stormy Monday* — a debut feature from theatre director Mike Figgis — makes a good stab at turning Newcastle-upon-Tyne into a *film noir* city. Tommy Lee Jones plays a crooked American real estate magnate up to no good; Melanie Griffith is the magnate's Girl Friday; and Sting, (above) runs the local jazz club. *Stars and Bars*, adapted by William Boyd from his novel, presents a satirical look at America, seen through the eyes of a British art expert (Daniel Day Lewis) battling to acquire a Renoir painting. David Puttnam developed the project and took it to Columbia when he became head of production; Pat O'Connor directs. There are many other chances to steal a march on Londoners and see the new films first — like Peter Greenaway's latest enigma, *Drowning by Numbers*, Ermanno Olmi's *Long Live the Lady!*, and Louis Malle's semi-autobiographical *Au revoir les enfants*. No good film festival is complete without its retrospective, and Cambridge offers Philip Kaufman — maverick writer and director of *The Right Stuff* and *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*. Cambridge Film Festival, Arts Cinema, 8 Market Passage, Cambridge (0223 352001), until July 31, matinees £2, evening performances £2.50. *Geoff Brown*

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **POULENC'S TRIO:** The Ammanati Ensemble performs Poulenc's Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano and Beethoven's Quintet for Piano and Wind Instruments.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1.15-2pm, £1.50.

EVENING

☆ **SORABJI MARATHON:** John Ogdon gives the first complete performance since 1930 of Sorabji's 4-hour, 12-movement *Opus Clavicembalisticum*, the ultimate virtuoso piano work.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 6.30-11pm, £3.50-£12.

☆ **ROMITI RECITAL:** The distinguished Italian organist Letizia Romiti offers works by Alain, Bach, Brahms, Cavazzoni, Frescobaldi, Messiaen, Scarlatti, Zipoli.
German Christ Church, 19 Montpelier Place, London SW7 (01-940 4127), 7.30pm, £2.

☆ **DALE/STROKE:** Once winner of the String Section of BBC TV's Young Musician of the Year Competition, Caroline Dale, cello, is now heard in a solo Suite by Bach, a solo Sonata by Ginastera, Martinu's Rossini Variations, Falla Spanish Popular Songs and Frank Bridge's splendid Sonata. Marija Stroke is the pianist.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **NEW COPLEY:** Besides Prokofiev's Sonata Op 94, a Sonatina by Sir Lennox Berkeley and pieces by Elgar, the violinist Roland Roberts, with Tanya Isaacson at the piano, gives the world première of Peter Copley's Sonata.
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free.

☆ **NO MORE TEDIUM:** The Harmonie Band brings us several useful-sounding compositions including Davidson's *How Not To Be Bored in Company, How To Appear in a Good Light to a Woman Passing in the Street,* Gardiner's *Don't Turn It Loose* and Igor's *Boogie by Zappa.*
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

OPERA

☆ **BORIS GODUNOV:** First night of Royal Opera revival, in memory of its director, Andrei Tarkovsky. Robert Lloyd takes the title role with James Conlon conducting a strong cast including Robert Tear and Eva Randova.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01 240 1066), 6.30-10.15pm, £2-£55.

DANCE

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** London premiere of Natalia Makarova's production for London Festival Ballet.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10pm, £4.50-£25.

☆ **ALLEGRO BRILLIANTE:** David Bintley's exhilarating ballet to Rossini music, with other works by him and Kenneth MacMillan, makes tonight's varied programme by Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
The Big Top, Weaponness, Valley Road, Scarborough (0723-500712), 7.30-10pm

☆ **STAUNCH:** London premiere of a work by Krisztina de Chatel for five male dancers, based on African rhythms.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-748 3354). 8-9.30pm, £4.50-£8.

ROCK

★ **MICHAEL JACKSON:** It is reported that demand was such that he could have sold out 12 shows at Wembley Stadium (capacity 72,000). As it is he will have performed here seven times by the end of the Summer.
Wembley Stadium, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) gates 4.30pm, £17.50, for three nights.

☆ **LOS VAN VAN:** 14-strong salsa band from Cuba, fronted by the singer Pedrito Calvo, and not seen on these shores since last year's show at the Brixton Academy.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-434 0404) 7.30pm, £8.

☆ **OZZY OSBOURNE:** One of the least-inspired wild men of rock now playing in somewhat reduced circumstances.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 8pm, £8.50.

☆ **MARY COUGHLAN:** Earthy Irish singer who serves up a spiked cocktail of folk, jazz and rock.
Mean Fiddler, 28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £6, also tomorrow.

JAZZ

☆ **LEE RITENOUR/THE GADD GANG:** Fusion double bill with the fluent, if syrupy guitarist and a band led by session drummer Steve Gadd, who somehow manages cover versions of Ellington *and* Stevie Wonder.
JVC/Capital Jazz Parade, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) 8pm, £8-£15.

☆ **QUINTETTE DU HOT CLUB D'ANGLETERRE:** Don Rendell and Bob Docker lead a re-creation of the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli.
Norwich Arts Centre, Reeves Yard, St Benedict's Street (0603 660352) 8pm, £3.

☆ **DUSKO GOYKOVICH:** The Yugoslav trumpeter — a former Maynard Ferguson sideman — can be heard on Nathan Davis's current album.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £4.50.

☆ **INTO THE BLUE:** Highly proficient Midlands bop sextet, *not* dissimilar to the American tyros Out Of The Blue.
Storm Club, Drummond's, 73 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-387 4566) doors open 9pm, £4 (£2 after 12.30am).

GALLERIES

BIFF: Original works by a duo of trendy newspaper cartoonists.
Watershed Media Centre, 1 Canons Rd, Bristol (0272 276444). Daily 10am-10pm free, until Aug 20.

MARTIN MCGINN: Semi-abstract landscape paintings.
Curwen Gallery, 4 Windmill St, London W1 (01-636 1459), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10.30-1pm, free, until Aug 20.

THE GRAPHIC LANGUAGE OF NEVILLE BRODY: Artwork and jazzy typography by the graphic designer of magazines such as *The Face* and *City Limits*.
The Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market St, Edinburgh (031 225 2383). Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, Sun 1.20-5.30pm, free, until July 31.

THE NON-OBJECTIVE WORLD REVISITED: A large collection of pictures by pioneers of abstract act including Malewich, Moholy-Nagy and El Lissitzky.
Annely Juda Fine Art, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 5517), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Oct 15.

Bonnie Langford (above) the healthy-looking *entertainer*, will lend support today to Here's Health '88 (see Other Events and page 13). Virtually every aspect of alternative medicine, *exercise*, health and beauty care is represented, and there are many demonstrations and lectures. To-day's theme (championed by Langford) is Children, tomorrow's Holistic Healing, Saturday's Healthy Eating (with the indefatigable Barbara Cartland in attendance) and Sunday's, appropriately, Relaxation, Meditation and the Management of Stress.

WALKS

POLITICAL LONDON — GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £3 (also next Thurs).

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

ANCIENT INNS AND TAVERNS OF DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Temple tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

TALKS

DAME EDITH SITWELL: Gallery lecture by Toba Mann, the second in a two-part series concerning the years 1939-64.
National Portrait Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2, 1.10pm, free.

NEW ACQUISITIONS: Colin Wiggins discusses the works of Van Dyck.
National Gallery, Room 30, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

ARTSWORK: Two day youth festival with young people from all over the south and south-east producing and performing a wide range of artistic events from the familiar to the fringe.
University of Southampton Campus, University Road, Highfield, Southampton (further information 0703 671771). Today 10am-9.15pm, Tomorrow 10am-11pm. Entrance free, small charge for some events.

HERE'S HEALTH '88: See caption.
Olympia 2, Hammersmith Road, Kensington, London W14 (further information 01-603 3344). Today until Sunday inclusive, Adult £3, Child under-12 £1. Lectures £1.50.

KENT COUNTY SHOW: Livestock, flower show, food fair, veteran vehicles, horse jumping and other arena events. Trade stands, refreshment, licenced bars.
The County Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent, (0622 30957) Today until Saturday inclusive, 9am to 6pm. Admission today adults £6 child £2.50, tomorrow Adult £5, child £2, Saturday adult £4 child £1.50.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION 40TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION: *"Health for All" is the message of the exhibition which highlights 40 years work by doctors, scientists and other WHO officials all over the world.*
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323). Until August 13, Monday to Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 1pm-6pm. Adult £2 child 5-15 £1 under 5s free.

COTSWOLD HORSE AND PONY SALE: Over 100 horses for sale also saddlery and some 100 market stalls.
Andoversford, Gloucestershire. 10.30am onwards. (further information Tayler and Fletcher 0451 30383).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NATIONAL THEATRE: Booking for autumn repertoire, with productions of David Hare's new play, *The Secret Rapture*, Pinter's new play, *Mountain Language*, directed by the author, *Bartholomew Fair*, in a production by Richard Eyre, Peter Hall's successor. Also Strindberg's *The Father*, Wesker's *Roots*, and continuing performances of *The Winter's Tale, The Tempest, Cymbeline, The Changeling, The Strangeness of Others*, and *Mrs Klein*. Sep 15-Nov 19.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Priority booking open. General booking starts July 18.

LAST CHANCE

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT WIGMORE: Last of series features Britten String Quartet in programme of Haydn and Britten. Today 1.05pm.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore street, London W1. (01 935 2141).

MOMENTS OF BEING: Touring exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures of 41 artists. Ends Sat at Bristol before continuing tour.
Bristol Museum and Art Gallery (0272 299771).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

LIMBERHAM
(b) A supple-jointed person because he (or she) has limber hams, i.e. he keeps bowing and bobbing, and she keeps curtseying, hence a fawning and servile sucker-up, a brown-nose: Dryden wrote a bad play called *Limberham*.

SALTARELLO
(a) A very animated Italian or Spanish dance duet, with much jumping and skipping, in the long skip from the Latin *saltare* to dance.

FREIT
(c) Anything to which superstition attaches, an omen, a superstitious formula or charm, a superstitious observance or act of worship, from the Old English *freht* an oracle.

TRANSHUMANCE
(b) The movement of animals and/or humans according to the season, as from summer pasture to winter quarters, from the Latin *trans* across + *humus* ground: "Sheep which knew transhumance were not averse to being shepherded a score of miles over to a new pasture."

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending July 9

FICTION			
1	**Rivals,** Jilly Cooper	*Bantam*	£11.95
2	**The Sheikh and The Dustbin,** G Macdonald Fraser	*Collins*	£10.95
3	**Love In The Time of Cholera,** G Garcia Marquez	*Cape*	£11.95
4	**To Be The Best,** Barbara Taylor Bradford	*Grafton*	£11.95
5	**Wildtrack,** Bernard Cornwell	*Michael Joseph*	£11.95
NON-FICTION			
1	**Picasso,** Arianne Stassinopoulos Huffington	*Weidenfeld*	£16.00
2	**Rise and Fall of The Great Powers,** P Kennedy	*Unwin Hymann*	£18.95
3	**Coastline,** David Gentleman	*Weidenfeld*	£16.95
4	**A Brief History of Time,** Stephen Hawking	*Bantam*	£12.95
5	**Elizabeth Barrett Browning,** Margaret Forster	*Chatto*	£14.95
PAPERBACKS			
1	**Dirk Gently's Detective Agency,** D Adams	*Pan*	£ 2.99
2	**A Handful of Dust,** Evelyn Waugh	*Penguin*	£ 3.99
3	**The Unbearable Lightness of Being,** M Kundera	*Faber*	£ 3.95
4	**A Talent to Annoy,** Nancy Mitford	*OUP*	£ 4.95
5	**The Shellseekers,** Rosamunde Pilcher	*New English Library*	£ 6.95
6	**Historic Houses Castles and Gardens,** Richard Dawkins	*British Leisure*	£ 3.50
7	**Cellnet Guide to Hotels and Restaurants,** Egon Ronay	*AA Publications*	£ 9.95
8	**Sarum,** Edward Rutherford	*Arrow*	£ 4.50
9	**Fine Things,** Danielle Steel	*Sphere*	£ 3.50
10	**The Life of My Choice,** Wilfred Thesiger	*Fontana*	£ 5.95

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

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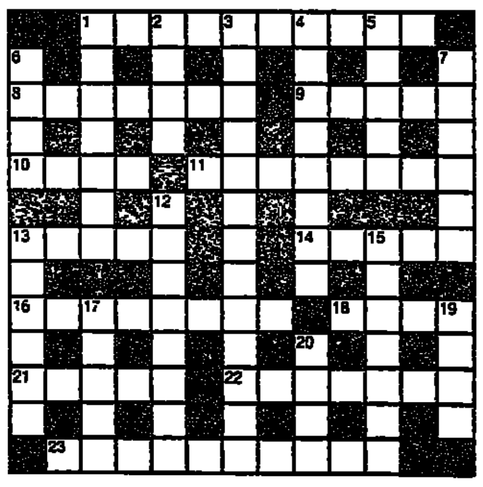

ACROSS
1 Blunt, direct (5-5)
8 Lighthouse top (7)
9 Popish plot fabricator (5)
10 Eager (4)
11 Car engineer (8)
13 Field of play (5)
14 Drop in standard (5)
16 Conceited person (8)
18 Stern, resolute (4)
21 Neck cloth (5)
22 Cocked hat (7)
23 Deadly nightshade (10)

DOWN
1 Caustic (7)
2 Unit (4)
3 Soft (13)
4 Legal get-out (8)
5 Unacceptable (3,2)
6 Anti-aircraft fire (4)
7 Human mind (6)
12 Appreciative (8)
13 Roman Catholic (6)
15 Covered walk trellis (7)
17 Stage (5)
19 Take offence at (4)
20 Jerusalem hill (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1614
ACROSS: 3 Pisa 5 Crib 8 Ruche 10 Earthling 11 Kebab 12 Lip 13 Shave 14 Hosanna 16 Medusae 18 Cases 20 Dob 22 Undue 23 Describer 24 Civil 25 Ways 26 Mesh
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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

City of London Festival JAZZ (01-236 5086/2801) **Sir Christopher Wren Pub EC4.** Ton't: 6 pm. **Digby Fairweather's Jazz Superkings.** 9 pm. **George Chisholm.** £3. Tomor: 6 pm. **David Shepherd Trio.** 9 pm. **Elaine Delmar.** £3

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL until 20 July (01-236 5086/2801). Today 1.05pm **St Michael's Cornhill. Musica Antiqua Koln. Reinhard Goebel.** £2 7pm. **Broadgate Arena, Britannia Bldg. Scty. Foden Band.** Free admmission. 7.30pm **Guildhall Old Library. Orch. of the Age of Enlightenment. Ivan Fischer. Melvyn Tan. All Mozart.** £12 7.45 pm **Drapers Hall. Britten String Quartet. Schubert, Britten, Haydn.** £9 Tomor 1.05pm **St Botolph's Bishopsgate. Musica Antiqua Koln. Reinhard Goebel.** £2.

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APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 **"BREATHTAKING"** BBC STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyric by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN **SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK** OAP's £8 on Tues mats **NOW BOOKING TO MAR 31 '89**

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BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** Today 2.00 & 7.30. rtns 15 July THE MERCHANT OF VENICE 'Antony Sher's performance is a triumph' Indep. **TWELFTH NIGHT** rtns tomor 7.30. **THE PIT** Today 2.0 & 7.30 **TITUS ANDRONICUS** - check box office for availability. **FASHION** rtns tomor 7.30

CAMBRIDGE 379 5299 cc no bkg fee 741 9999/ 24hr bkg fee 240 7200/379 4444 Groups 930 6123 **ADAM FAITH ANITA DOBSON BUDGIE** The Musical. Opens Oct 18.

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE 01-379 5299. **FOR A LIMITED SEASON New D'OYLY CARTE Opera Co.** IOLANTHE & THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD Eves 7.30 Mat Wed & Sat 3.00 cc First Call 24hrs 01-836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Grps 01 240 7941 & usual agents

CHICHESTER 0243 781312 **MAJOR BARBARA** "A vigorous spellbinding production" Sun Times **THE ROYAL BACCARAT SCANDAL.** Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30.

COMEDY 930 2578/8778 CC No Bkg Fee: 839 1438 CC bkg fee: 836 3464/741 9999/379 4444 Grps 240 7941. A New Comedy EXCLUSIVE YARNS Mon-Thu 8pm Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "...Screamingly funny..." D Exp

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/ 379 4444/741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Eves 8. Thur mat 2.30 Sat 5.30 & 8.30 **"BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST"** D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company **JOHN QUAYLE UNA STUBBS RAY COONEY GARETH HUNT AIMI MACDONALD DENNIS RAMSDEN ROYCE MILLS** RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! **LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY** Written and directed by **RAY COONEY** Over 2000 side-splitting perfs **"SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE"** S. Ex

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108 01-240 9066/7. Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). **David Merrick's** 42ND STREET **"MUST RUN & RUN"** The Times **WINNER OF THREE MAJOR 'BEST MUSICAL' AWARDS 1984** Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0. Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby.

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Grps 240 7941 **ALAN AYCKBOURN'S** "DELIRIOUSLY FUNNY" D.Tel HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES **"PERFECTION...it will leave you weeping with laughter"** D.Exp **'HILARIOUS'** Today **'THE FUNNIEST EVENING IN LONDON'** NofW Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.15

FORTUNE THEATRE Air Conditioning 836 2238 cc with agency bkg fee 01 240 7200/741 9999/379 4444. Eves 8.00. Wed mats 3.00. Sats 5.30 & 8.30. **SAM KELLY PATRICIA BRAKE** and **JEREMY BULLOCH** in DANGEROUS OBSESSION By N.J. Crisp **"NICELY NERVE RACKED EVENING"** D.Tel **OVER 250 PERFORMANCES!**

GARRICK 379 6107 CC 240 7200 24 hrs 7 days 741 9999/379 4444 open all hours (no bkg fee) Grps 240 7941 Mon to Fri 8pm Mat Tues 3pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm **NOEL COWARD'S** EASY VIRTUE **"...a triumph"** D.Mail **"Not to be missed"** S.Tel **"Hilarious... wonderful stuff"** S.Exp

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/ 741 9999. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee). MAGGIE SMITH **MARGARET TYZACK** in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by **PETER SHAFFER** with **RICHARD PEARSON** directed by **MICHAEL BLAKEMORE** Evgs 7.45. Sat Mat 3.00

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 **TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD** by Harper Lee, Dramatised by Christopher Sergel.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 The Junction Ave Theatre Co in **SOPHIATOWN** Opens Ton't 7pm Sub Eves 8pm Sat 4.30 & 8pm **"Terrific Theatre"** Gdn.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 PENELOPE KEITH **"HAS NEVER BEEN FINER"** D Mail. **"IS MAGNIFICENT"** FT. **ANTHONY BATE JOHN NORMINGTON** and **DAVID YELLAND** in **Terence Rattigan's "MASTERPIECE"** D.Mail THE DEEP BLUE SEA Directed by Alan Strachan Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00 **LAST 3 WEEKS!**

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 Previews from Aug 4 **OPENS AUG 8 at 7.00 REX HARRISON EDWARD FOX** in THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON **by J.M. BARRIE Directed by FRITH BANBURY** Evgs. 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00

HER MAJESTYS Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL** THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA **DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL** Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 **Sold out all perfs until Mar '89. Queue daily for returns.**

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373 Evgs 7.30 Mats. Weds & Sats 2.45 CC 01-437 6891. Party Bookings 01-437 2055. Also 24 hours 7 days a week through First Call 01-240 5423 & 01-836 3464 "The most spectacular show the West End has seen in years" TODAY ZIEGFELD A Musical Extravaganza Party Rates available Mon to Thurs evgs and Sat mats. excl. Dec 28.

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 741 2311 Eves 7.45pm. Mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Prevs. Now **SUSMAN'S HONEYMOON** by D.L. Sayers. Opens 19 July. **STUDIO:** Eves 8pm **FACADES.**

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 **RICHARD TODD in** 'The Best Thriller for years' S Mir **THE BUSINESS OF MURDER** "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational!" Times **5TH THRILLING YEAR!**

MERMAID TH. 01-236 5568/638 8891 CC (with bkg fee) 240 7200 & (no bkg fee) 741 9999. Groups 240 7941. Eves 7.30 **VICTORIA CHAPLIN** and **JEAN BAPTISTE THIERREE** in LE CIRQUE IMAGINAIRE **"RARE THEATRICAL MAGIC"** Gdn **"SUITABLE FOR GROWN-UP CHILDREN EVERYWHERE"** D. Exp. **EXTENDED SEASON!**

NATIONAL THEATRE SE1 Box Office & CC 01-928 2252 Agencies, bkg fee: 379 4444/ 240 7200/741 9999 NATIONAL THEATRE **OLIVIER** Ton't & Tomor 7.15 **THE SHAUGHRAUN** by Dion Boucicault. **LYTTELTON** Ton't 7.45 **THE CHANGELING** by Middleton & Rowley. Tomor 7.45 (last perfs) **WAITING FOR GODOT. COTTESLOE** Ton't 7.30 **THE TEMPEST** by Shakespeare. Tomor 7.30 **CYMBELINE.** Cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10am

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. **NOW BOOKING TO OCT 29**

OLD VIC 928 7616 CC 261 1821 CC with bkg fee 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999. Eves 7.30 Wed mat 2.30. Sat 4.00 & 7.45 Ostrovsky's comic classic TOO CLEVER BY HALF Adapted by Rodney Ackland Directed by Richard Jones **"TRIUMPH"** Sunday Times **"FIZZES WITH ENERGY"** Obs **"EXCEPTIONAL & ORIGINAL"** T Out. **"ELECTRIFYING"** Times **"BRILLIANT"** Guardian

OPEN AIR REGENTS PARK S 486 2431 cc 486 1933 379 4444 24 Hrs Bkg Fee **THE WINTER'S TALE** "Delightfully conceived production" D Mail. Today, Tomor, Sat 7.45 Mats Today & Sat 2.30.

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Grps 494 1671 **"THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS"** Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc **BEST MUSICAL** LES MISERABLES **THE MUSICAL SENSATION** Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval **"FIGHT TO GET A TICKET"** LBC **NOW BOOKING TO MAR 31 '89**

PHOENIX THEATRE 01 836 2294 credit cards 240 9661/741 9999 & 24 hr cc with bkg fee 379 4444/240 7200. **"UNCOMMONLY FUNNY"** Obs **James Wilby John Gordon Sinclair Patrick Barlow Paul Mooney Sarah Berger Jason Carter "THIS TRUTHFUL AND SEDUCTIVE COMEDY IS A TOTAL SUCCESS"** Obs. THE COMMON PURSUIT written and directed by **SIMON GRAY** Mon-Thu 8pm. Fri & Sat 6pm & 8.45pm

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours/ 741 9999 Grp 836 3962. BLUES IN THE NIGHT **2nd SIZZLING YEAR LOW PRICE SHOWS FRI & SAT** 6.30 Mon-Thu 8. Fri-Sat 6.30 & 9 **MUST END JULY 23**

PLAYHOUSE WC2 839 4401 CC 01 240 7200 (24 hrs bkg fee)/01 741 9999 (bkg fee)/01 379 4444 (24 hrs bkg fee) Grp 01 240 7941 Fully Air Conditioned **CATHERINE COOKSON'S** THE FIFTEEN STREETS **'A superb piece of story-telling...a thrillingly theatrical evening'** Tel Now booking to Jan 1989 - Good seats still avail all perfs during July/August. Eves 7.30, Mats Today, Sat 2.30

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs **FIRST CALL** 24 hr 7 *day on* 836 3464 240 5423 Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 **BEST MUSICAL 1986** Drama Magazine CHESS **"A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW"** Newsweek

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 **GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S** SOUTH PACIFIC "WALL-TO-WALL SHOW STOPPERS" D Exp "TERRIFIC" Times **"A Great Musical"** S Times Monday - Saturday 7.30 Matinees Wed & Sat 2.30 Credit Cards 24 hrs 01 836 3464 01 240 5425 Group Sales 930 6123

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 741 9999/379 4444 24hr 7day cc 836 3464 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 **FRANK FINLAY GWEN WATFORD "A SMASH HIT"** People by **JEFFREY ARCHER** BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT **MARIUS GORING JEFFRY WICKHAM JOHN BARRON** Mon-Sat 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 4.30 **Some goods seats available for Matinee today**

RAYMOND REVUEBAR CC 734 1593 Mon-Sat two shows nightly 8pm & 10pm. Paul Raymond presents **THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA** 1958 - 1988. Now celebrating **30 SENSATIONAL YEARS** at the world's centre of erotic entertainment.

SAVOY THEATRE 01-836 8888 CC 379 6219/836 0479 CC (with bkg fee) 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 Grps 930 6123 Eves 7.30, mats Wed & Sat 3.00 **Royal Shakespeare Company** in AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL KISS ME KATE **JAMES SMILLIE STEPHANIE LAWRENCE TIM FLAVIN ANDREE BERNARD "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON"** N.Y. Post **LAST 5 WEEKS!**

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888 cc 836 0479/379 6219 741 9999 (no bkg fee) CC 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 379 4444 (booking fee) Grps 930 6123 **MICKEY ROONEY ANN MILLER** in SUGAR BABIES *Prev fr* 25 Aug. Opens 31 Aug *Limited Engagement.* Book Now!

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE Box Office 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) cc 741 9999 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 **WINNER OF ALL BEST MUSICAL AWARDS 1987 JULIA McKENZIE MILLICENT MARTIN DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & EARTHA KITT** FOLLIES **The Sondheim/Goldman Musical 'A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING'** F.T. Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. **Discounts available for groups for Wed Mats.** Julia McKenzie will not be playing this week. The role of Sally Plummer will be played by Jill Martin. **Now Booking to Jan '89**

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 36TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND cc 836 2660/4143/ 5190 cc (no bkg fee) 836 3464 741 9999 Grps 240 7941 Cole Porter's **"Greatest Musical"** CAN-CAN **DONNA McKECHNIE MILO O'SHEA BERNARD ALANE** Opens 26 Oct Red Price Prevs fr 14 Oct. Advance Box Office open

STRATFORD UPON AVON & cc (0789) 295623 or First Call (with bkg fee) 01-240 7200 (RST and SWAN). **Royal Shakespeare Company at RST. The Tempest** Today 1.30, Tonight 7.30. **Much Ado About Nothing** Tomor 7.30, Mat Sat 1.30. **Macbeth** Sat 7.30. **Swan Theatre The Man of Mode** Mat Today 1.30, Tonight 7.30. **Constant Couple** Tomor 7.30, Mat Sat 1.30. **Plain Dealer** Sat 7.30. Stop - Over Meal/ ticket/ hotel package (0789) 414999.

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/5645 cc 741 9999 1st Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Mon-Fri Evgs 7.45, Mat Wed 2.30. Sat 5.0 & 8.30 **MICHAEL GAMBON JONATHAN PRYCE IMELDA STAUNTON BENJAMIN WHITROW** and **GRETA SCACCHI** in UNCLE VANYA by **ANTON CHEKHOV** in a new translation by **MICHAEL FRAYN** Dir by **MICHAEL BLAKEMORE**

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028 cc 379 6565 /4444 Open All Hrs/240 7200 741 9999 Grps 836 3962 Eves 8.00. Sat 5.00 & 8.30 **STEVEN BERKOFF'S** GREEK **"A Quartet of quite remarkable performances"** S.Telegraph **STEVEN BERKOFF GEORGIA BROWN GILLIAN EATON BRUCE PAYNE "The writing is strong, soaring and sinewy"** F.T. Sat Mats ALL SEATS £5.90.

ART GALLERIES

BARBICAN ART GALLERY Level 8 Barbican Centre London EC2 01-638 4141 ext 306 **ART OR NATURE** Twentieth Century French Photography **ENDS SUN** Today-Sat 10am-6.45pm Sun 12-5.45pm Adm £3 conc £1.50.

C. D. SOAR. 4 Launceston Place, W8. **Watercolours by Marilyn Beckett,** until 23rd July. Mon-Fri 9.30-6pm. Sat 9.30-1pm.

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St. St. James's, SW1. 01-839 3942. **AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.** Until 3 Sept. Mon-Fri 10-5.30.

GALERIE BESSON 15 Royal Arcade, 28 Old Bond St, W1. 01-491 1706. **CLAUDI CASANOVAS** - First London Exhibition. Until 22 July. Mon-Fri 10-5.30. Sats 10-12.30.

LEFEVRE GALLERY 30 Bruton Street, W1, 01-493 2107. **PICASSO WORKS ON PAPER, BARCELONA, BLUE AND PINK PERIODS.** 15th Jun-22nd July. Mon-Fri 10-5.

MONTPELIER STUDIO, 4 Montpelier Street, SW7. 01-584 0667. **MATTHEW SMITH 1879 - 1959.** Until 20th July.

PARKIN GALLERY, 11 Motcomb St SW1. 01-235 8144 **SUMMER EXHIBITION** - 9 Sept. Gallery Closed 15-29 Aug.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, PICCADILLY, W1. 01-439 7438. Open daily 10-6 inc Sun (reduced rate Sun until 1.45) **ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION, CEZANNE: THE EARLY YEARS** 1859-1872.

SOLOMON GALLERY, First Major Show of works by **FRANCIS TANSEY.** 10 Dover St. W1. Tel: 01-499 4701. M-F 10-6.

THE MALL GALLERIES, nr Admiralty Arch, SW1. **ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF BRITISH ARTISTS** 8th - 18th July. 10-5pm, (incl. Sat & Sun). All media. Work for sale. 01-930 6844.

W.H PATTERSON 19 Albemarle Street London W1X 3HA. Tel 01-629 4119. **EXHIBITION** 'London Reflections' by **Charles McCall** ROI NEAC. 13th-23rd July. Monday-Friday 9.30-6pm

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp. Camden Town tube 485 2443 Eric Rohmer's **MY GIRLFRIEND'S BOYFRIEND** (PG) Progs 2.10 4.20 6.35 8.50 SEATS BOOKABLE for 8.50 perf. ACCESS/VISA.

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 Eric Rohmer's **MY GIRLFRIEND'S BOYFRIEND** (PG) Progs 2.10 4.20 6.35 8.50. SEATS BOOKABLE ACCESS/VISA.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. LILLIAN GISH & BETTE DAVIS in **THE WHALES OF AUGUST** (U). Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10, 6.20, 8.40. "Unmissable" D Mail. **LAST WEEK.** From Fri **DARK EYES** (PG)

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 KEVIN COSTNER SEAN CONNERY in **THE UNTOUCHABLES** (15) Film at 1.18 (not Sun) 3.30, 6.00, 8.20.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. DANIEL DAY LEWIS in **THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING** (18). Film at 1.30 (not Sun) 4.45, 8.00. "Sensational...This is truly an erotic film" London Evening Standard.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252) **SAIGON** (18) Sep progs Daily 1.15 3.35 6.05 8.40. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/ AmEx) 930 7615. 24 hour service.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 Wim Wenders' **WINGS OF DESIRE** (15) Progs 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.35 and LATE NIGHT FRI/SAT 11.15 pm. SEATS BOOKABLE ACCESS/VISA

MINEMA 45 **KNIGHTSBRIDGE** 235 4225 **IRONWEED** (15) Daily 3.0 6.0 9.0. From Friday 15th **THE WHALES OF AUGUST.**

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) **SEPTEMBER** (PG) Sep progs Daily 1.30 4.00 6.30 9.00. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250 / 4259. **THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN** (15) Sep progs Daily Doors open 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.30. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/ Amex) 930 3232 or 839 1929. 24 hour service.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) **WALL STREET** (15) Sep progs Daily 12.50 3.20 5.50 8.20. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

RENOIR Brunswick Sq. WC1 (RUSSELL SQUARE TUBE) 837 8402
1. **BABETTE'S FEAST** (U) Oscar Winner. Best Foreign Film. Progs 2.10 4.20 6.35 8.50.
2. Mrinal Sen's **GENESIS** (PG) Progs 2.00 4.10 6.25 8.40.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *Edgar Hamlet* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and John Stapleton includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather.
9.05 But First This! introduced by Andy Crane begins with **The Pink Panther Show** (r). **9.25 Record Breakers.** Includes an attempt on the world barefoot water-skiing record (r). **9.50 Laurel and Hardy** (r).
10.00 News and weather followed by **The Really Wild Show** (r). **10.30 Play School** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Maya Angelou with a reading.
11.00 News and weather followed by **Cartoon 11.10 SOS Coast Guard** (b/w). Episode four of the cliffhanger serial. **11.30 Take Nobody's Word for It** includes an illustration of how the RAF tests reaction times of potential pilots (r).
12.00 News and weather followed by **The Garden Party** includes Mavis Nicholson talking to Magnus Magnusson and his daughter Sally. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Helen and Jim are in a race against time
1.50 Dallas. The battle for Ewing Oil reaches the courts (r). (Ceefax)
2.40 Best of British. The first of two programmes from the series celebrating 50 years of film-making at the Rank studios (r).
3.05 The People's Court. Judge Joseph A. Wapner rules in the case of the man suing a pet shop who lost his cat
3.25 Paddles Up. The final of the international whitewater canoeing competition (r).
3.50 Holiday Outings. An economical holiday on the North Yorkshire moors (r).
4.00 Cartoon Double Bill 4.10 The Biskitts (r). **4.35 Fast Forward.** Video fun (r).
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Move It. Sports series presented by Simon O'Brien and Fiona Lee Fraser **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Simon Bates and Bruno Brookes.
7.30 EastEnders. Wicksy, full of alcoholic remorse, arrives at the Dagmar to find that he has lost his job and accommodation. (Ceefax)
8.00 Brainstorm. Science game show with Kenny Everett and Cleo Rocos. (Ceefax)
8.30 Bread. Comedy series about a fly scouse family imaginatively coping with the trials and tribulations of unemployment (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Mercer Play: The Cellar and the Almond Tree starring Celia Johnson and Peter Vaughan. Drama, set in post-Second World War eastern Europe, about a countess banished by the communist authorities to a small apartment in her once family palace. A minor official is detailed to obtain from her the keys to the palace's wine vaults (r). (Ceefax)
10.50 Esther Interviews. . . Dr David Owen.
11.20 International Golf. Highlights of the first round of the 117th Open Championship.
12.00 Weather.
12.05am Newsnight Election Special. Live coverage of the result of the Kensington by-election presented by Sir Robin Day and David Dimbleby. Ends at approximately **1.15.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine includes Claire Rayner's advice for viewers' series.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Password. Word association game. **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines.
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . A discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Puddle Lane** (r). **11.25 Thames news** headlines.
11.30 It's Too Late for Tessie. An award-winning drama about a young girl and her little dog that is thrown out of the house by the girl's parents because their flat is too small. Starring Sophie Green **12.00 White Lies.** Two girls' friendship is put under intolerable strain (r). **12.30 The Sullivans.**
1.00 News at One with Jon Snow **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased). Comedy detective series (r). **2.25 Home Cookery Club.** Fresh Fruit Pavlova.
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden recalls the time 25 years ago when Jim Clark attempted to win the British Grand Prix for the fourth consecutive time
3.00 Take the High Road. Two letters are delivered to the manse **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Tumbledown Farm 4.10 Sign a Story: Prince Cinders. Male version of the *Cinderella* fairy tale **4.20 Emu's World** with Rod Hull and Bernard Bresslaw **4.45 Panic Station.** (Oracle)
5.15 Give Us a Clue (r).
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. A routine visit to the market ends up with a confrontation.
7.00 Jimmy's. The first visit of the week to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
7.30 Room for Change. Preparing a room that grows with the child.
8.00 Lingo. The last in the series of game shows presented by Martin Daniels.
8.30 This Week: Breakdown in the Skies. Reporter Yvonne Roberts investigates Britain's over-crowded airlanes and talks to companies who are losing £900 a minute when their planes do not land on time; to harassed air controllers; and to passengers who have decided not to fly again.
9.00 The Bill. Sergeant Penny causes a flap when he disappears without trace (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. **10.30 Thames news.**
10.35 The City Programme. Can Britain's North Sea oil and gas industries overcome last week's Piper Alpha tragedy? and why building societies are entering the foreign exchange market.
11.05 A Problem Aired. The first of a new series of discussions on viewers' personal problems. Followed by **Crimestoppers.**
11.35 Breaking the Habit. Anthony Clare investigates alcohol abuse by young people.
12.05am Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's prison
1.00 Chick Corea and the Electric Blues Band. Brazilian music.
NB: the result of the Kensington by-election will be announced as soon as it is made known.
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Massacre in Rome** (1973) starring Richard Burton. Second World War drama about Nazi retribution for the death of 32 SS troops. Directed by George Pan Cosmatos.
4.00 News headlines followed by **Too Close For Comfort.** Comedy series.
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

Painting by numbers

TELEVISION CHOICE

● In the first of new series of **Three Painters** (BBC2, 8.20pm) Sir Lawrence Gowing goes to Italy and considers the work of the great fresco artist, Giotto. Those familiar with the format will know that Sir Lawrence is the most self-effacing of anchormen, appearing very briefly at the beginning and then heard only as a voice-over. It is an unfashionable way of doing a television documentary but in this case entirely vindicated. Like a good sports commentator, Sir Lawrence stays in the background and lets the picture tell the story, filling in with expert comment only where it is relevant and necessary. Sir Lawrence has a pithy, economical style and wears his learning lightly. His lecture on Giotto is a tale of three cities. He begins in Assisi and ends in Florence but lingers longest in Padua for an examination of Giotto's masterpiece, the sequence of 34 frescoes depicting the story of Christ's life on earth in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua. Television's handicap is that its screen is far too small to convey the size, and, therefore, the overall impact of the work, since each fresco is roughly six and a half feet by six. Where the camera does score is in getting in close and picking out significant details. Sir Lawrence tells us how Giotto used earth pigments for colour and brushed them straight into the wet plaster. Forced by such a large area to do small segments at a time, he devised an early version of painting by numbers. But as Sir Lawrence also stresses, Giotto's principal achievement was to take art out of the Middle Ages and set it irrevocably on its modern course. He brought into the real world and he gave it humanity.

A detail from Giotto's *The Lamentation*, one of 34 frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel depicting Christ's life (BBC2, 8.20pm)

Peter Waymark

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Conflict – Strike News. Ends at **7.20**
9.00 Ceefax.
11.00 International Golf. Live coverage of the opening round of the 117th Open Championship, from Royal Lytham and St Anne's Golf Club, introduced by Harry Carpenter. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Clive Clark, Tony Jacklin, Alex Hay and Mark McCormack.
1.20 Chock-a-Block (r).
1.35 International Golf. Further first round action in the Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Anne's Golf Club. Includes news and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50.**
7.35 Comrades. This first of a series of repeats from the award-winning 12 portraits of Soviet life focuses on Rita Tikonova, a 21-year-old teacher who lives in a small apartment near the Kremlin. The cameras follow her as she begins her teaching career and after her first day she talks about her personal life – her likes, her loves and her hopes of marriage.
8.20 Three Painters. (see Choice)
9.00 The Travel Show includes a report from the southern Swiss lakeside resort of Lugano on whether it still lives up to its reputation as a quiet retreat for the middle-aged, middle class.
9.30 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The guests include American John Gaughan who re-creates the mystery of Psycho, an automaton built by 19th-century master magician John Nevil Maskelyne; Mat Plendl a spinning hula hoop expert; and musical glasses exponent Jamey Turner (r). (Ceefax)
10.15 Police Powers. The first of a series of six films on the role of police in society beginning with an examination of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act of 1984.
10.45 Newsnight includes the first British television interview with ANC leader and former chief-of-staff Joe Slovo
11.30 Weather.
11.35 The Family. Part four (r).
12.05am Open University: Weekend Outlook 12.10 The User and the Database. Ends at **12.40.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Just 4 Fun. Children's entertainment (r).
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons.
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. The guest is country singer Loretta Lynn.
2.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Alastair Stewart.
2.30 Film: In the Good Old Summertime (1949) starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson. Musical about two music shop workers who dislike each other but, unbeknown to them, are carrying on a love affair by letter. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard **4.20 Love Comes to Mr Magoo.** Cartoon
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Derek Baxter from Blackpool.
5.00 Film: Night Beat (1947, b/w) starring Anne Crawford and Maxwell Reed. Drama about two army friends who join the Metropolitan Police after leaving the service but who end up on opposite sides of the law. Directed by Harold Huth.
6.30 Tour de France 1988. Stage 12 – Morzine to L'Alpe d'Huez, a distance of 227km.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment and **Weather.**
8.00 Ourselves and Other Animals. Programme seven of Gerald and Lee Durrell's 12-part series on how animals communicate (r).
8.30 Amen. Comedy series set in an inner-city Philadelphia church.
9.00 Fathers and Sons. Episode three of the four-part drama series following the fortunes of two German families during the period of the Nazi party's rise to power. (Oracle)
11.25 Sugar Ray Leonard. The talented boxer in conversation with Hugh McIlvanney.
12.25am Film: Provincial Actors (1979) starring Tadeusz Huk and Agnieszka Holland. A comedy about the local rep of a small town near Warsaw which is putting on an avant-garde play under the direction of an actor from the capital. Directed by Agnieszka Holland. English subtitles. Ends at **2.30.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30**am until **8.30**pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Mark Goodier **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow **12.30** Newsbeat (Lesley Curwen) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **9.00** The Story of Atlantic **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00**am As Radio 2 **10.00**pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00**am As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the half hour
4.00 Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Joe Brown **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Pull the Other One! **10.30** Star Sound Cinema **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Charles Nove presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. Add an hour for **BST**.
6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Time for Verse **6.40** The Farming World **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Guitar Workshop **7.45** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Citizens **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Jazz Scene UK **2.00** Outlook and World News **2.45** Write On... **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** World News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook and News Summary **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Here's Humph! **8.00** World News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Talking From... **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Seven Seas **11.30** Time for Verse **11.40** The Farming World **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Jazz Scene UK **1.45** Talking From... **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Health Matters **2.30** Citizens **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and Twenty-Four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Boccherini (Symphony in B flat: European Community CO under Faerber); Schumann (Introduction and Allegro in D, Op 134: New PO under Guschlbauer with Pascal Devoyon, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Rachmaninov (Youth Symphony 1891: Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra under Ashkenazy); Tchaikovsky (My Genius, My Angel, My Friend; A Tear Quivers, Op 6 No 4: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, and Aribert Reimann, piano); Prokofiev (Symphony No 7 in C sharp minor, Op 131: SNO under Jarvi)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Weber. Overture to Oberon: Dresden State Orchestra under Kuhn; Bassoon Concerto: Bamberg SO under Hanns-Martin Schneidt with Milan Turkovic; Act 2 scene 1 of Peter Schmoll: BBC SO under Joly
9.35 Two Russian Concertos: Manevich (Clarinet Concerto: Leningrad PO under Nikolai Rabinovich with Isaac Roginsky) and Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2: Boston SO under Munch with Jascha Heifetz)
10.15 Schubert and Mozart Piano Duets: Bernard Roberts and Yolande Wrigley play Schubert (Rondo in A, D 951) and Mozart (Sonata in F, K 497)
11.00 Octets: Chilingirian String Quartet and Lindsay String Quartet play Shostakovich (Two Pieces, Op 11) and Mendelssohn (Octet in E flat, Op 20)
11.50 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Jerzy Maksymiuk conducts Vivaldi (Concerto in C minor (RV 441) for treble recorder and orchestra; and Concerto in C (RV 443) for sopranino recorder and orchestra); and Sibelius (Symphony No 4 in A minor). With Michala Petri (recorder)
1.00 News
1.05 Manchester Summer Recital: Yitkin Seow plays music from Chopin's Manchester recital of August 1948: Grande polonaise brillante; Scherzo No 2 in B flat minor; Ballade No 1 in G minor; Berceuse in D flat; Nocturne in E flat, Op 9 No 2; Etudes Op 25 Nos 1 and 2; and Grande valse brillante
2.00 La Muette de Portici: Auber's five-act opera (produced in 1828), sung in French, with libretto by Eugene Scribe and Germain Delavigne performed by the Monte Carlo PO under Thomas Fulton with John Aler and Alain Munier (tenors) and June Anderson (soprano)
4.40 Glinka: Trio pathétique: Music Party (Alan Hacker, clarinet, Hansjurg Lange, bassoon, and Richard Burnett, fortepiano)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure
6.30 Bandstand: Northshore Concert Band under John Paynter play Warren Barker (Capriccio for saxophone quartet and band); Adrian Cruft (Andante maestoso) and Janos Decsenyi (Scenes from the Hungarian Age of Chivalry)
7.00 News **7.05** Streaks of Life: Musical memoirs of Dame Ethel Smyth (3)
7.30 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Martin Turnovsky conducts Sibelius (The Swan of Tuonela); Grieg (Piano Concerto in A minor); Dvorak (Slavonic Dances Op 72: No 3 in F; No 4 in D flat; No 5 in B flat minor; and No 7 in C); and Janacek (Sinfonietta). With Philip Fowke (piano). Includes **8.15** Interval reading
9.05 Whale Nation: Roy Hutchins performs Heathcote William's poem (see Choice)
9.45 Ysaye: Dong-Suk Kang plays Violin Sonata No 2 in A minor
10.00 Music in our Time: Gerald Barry and C Newman introduce a concert from the 1988 Almeida Festival featuring first UK performances of Gerald Barry (Sur les pointes for piano (What Is Love?): Nicholas Clapton, counter-tenor and the composer, piano); C Newman (Piano Sonata No 2 (The Way Things Really Are: Michael Finnissy, piano): Gerald Barry (Five Chorales: Keith Williams and Clive Williamson, pianos); and C Newman (Four Hours Lost in the Heart of Germany: The composer; speaker, Alex Balanescu, violin, Tony Hinnigan, cello, and Michael Finnissy, piano)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Shostakovich. Suite from The Bolt; Piano Concerto No.1; Panorama of Paris; and Police Station (Incidental music to La Comedie humaine) (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES:** 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 8.00-8.30 The BBC Diet Programme 12.00-12.05am News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35 Neighbours 6.55-7.00 Inside Ulster Update 8.30-9.00 The Radical Road **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 **WALES:** 11.00am-1.20pm Cricket and Golf 1.35-7.00 Cricket and Golf **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 1.35pm International Golf 1.50 Racing from Down Royal 4.10 Joining network

ANGLIA As London except 12.00-12.30pm That's My Dog 1.20 Anglia News and Weather 1.30-2.25 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 About Anglia 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 10.35 Wheels 11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45am Film: The 39 Steps 2.30 Joan Baez in Paris 3.45 The Twilight Zone 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.30-5.00 Survival

BORDER As London except 11.30 Joanna 12.00-12.30pm An Invitation to Remember (Dame Anna Neagle) 1.20 Border News 1.30-2.30 Charlie's Angels 3.00-3.25 Gardening Time 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Lookaround Thursday 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 10.35 Kojak 11.30 Breaking the Habit 12.00 Weather, close

CENTRAL As London except:12.00 Dining in France 12.30pm Home Cookery Club 12.35-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 Central News 1.30-2.30 Charlie's Angels 6.00 Central News 6.25-6.30 Police 5 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 10.35 Central Lobby 11.05 Breaking the Habit 11.35 Return to Eden 12.35am Bullseye 1.05 Film: The Laughing Policeman 3.10 48 Hours 4.10-5.00 Central Jobfinder '88

CHANNEL As London except:12.00-12.30pm Something to Treasure 1.20 Channel News 1.30 Anything Goes 2.00 A Country Practice 2.25 Home Cookery Club 2.30 Take the High Road 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 6.00-6.30 Channel Report followed by Maintaining the Small Garden 7.30-8.00 Who's The Boss? 10.35 Art Beat 11.05-11.35 Video Jukebox 12.05am Maintaining the Small Garden 12.10 UFO 1.10 Sports Action Worldwide 2.10 Taxi 2.40 America's Top 10 3.10 Company 3.15 Agenda 3.45 Employment Action! 3.50 Cover Story 4.20-5.00 Just Williams

GRANADA As London except:12.00-12.30pm Survival 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 A Country Practice 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Granada Reports followed by This is Your Right 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 10.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 Breaking the Habit 12.00 Film: To Kill a Rat 2.20am Sportsworld 3.20 Rock of Europe 4.20-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except:12.00-12.30pm Easy Street 1.20 HTV News 1.30-2.25 A Country Practice 6.00-6.30 HTV News 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 10.35 No Father, No Mother, No Uncle Sam 11.35 Weekend Outlook 11.40 Breaking the Habit 12.10am Film: Dracula AD1972 1.50 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (Marvin Mitchelson) 2.15 Weather, Close

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00-6.30pm Wales At Six 10.35 Matlock 11.35 Breaking the Habit 12.05am Film: Dracula AD1972 1.45 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 2.10 Weather

TSW As London except:12.00-12.30 Cover Story 1.20 Today News and Weather 1.30-2.30 Charlie's Angels 6.00-6.30 Today 7.30-8.00 Who's The Boss? 10.35 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 11.30 Breaking the Habit 12.05am Starring the Actors 12.35 Postscript 12.40 Weather, Close

TVS As London except:12.00-12.30pm Something to Treasure 1.20 TVS News and Weather 1.30 Anything Goes 2.00-2.25 A Country Practice 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast 7.30-8.00 Who's the Boss? 10.35-11.35 Art Beat 12.05am Employment Action! 12.10 UFO 1.10 Sports Action Worldwide 2.15 Taxi 2.50 America's Top 10 3.20 Company 3.25 Agenda 3.55 Employment Action! 4.00 Cover Story 4.30-5.00 Just Williams

TYNE TEES As London except:12.00-12.30pm Short Story Theatre 1.20 Regional News 1.25 Lookaround 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 Northern Life 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedsersehen, Pet 10.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 Breaking the Habit 12.00 Inner Space 12.10am-6.00 Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except:12.00-12.30 Dining in France 1.20 **Ulster Newstime** 1.30 **Children – Helping Hands** 2.00-2.30 **Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (Jane Seymour)** 3.30-4.00 **Give Us a Clue** 5.15-5.45 **Password** 6.00 **Summer Edition** 6.20-6.30 **Police Six** 7.30-8.00 **Auf Wiedersehen, Pet** 10.35-11.35 **Carson's Law** 12.05am **At Home (Sir William Rees-Mogg)** 12.35 **News, Close**

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00 For the Honor of Their Country 12.30-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 Calendar News 1.30 A Country Practice 2.25-2.30 Emergency 6.00-6.30 Calender 7.30-8.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 10.35 Great Yorkshire Showjumping 11.30 Breaking the Habit 12.00 America's Top 10 12.30am Film: One Terrific Guy 2.20 Out of Limits 2.30 Easy Street 3.00 Music Box 4.00-5.00 Jobfinder

S4C Starts:10.55am Criced 12.00 Countdown 12.30pm Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 The Parliament Programme 2.30 Criced 4.15 Ffalabalam 4.30 Am ras 5.00 Family Ties 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Criced 6.30 Tour de France 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Caffio 8.00 Cefn Gwald, news headlines 8.35 Dinas 9.05 Fideo 9 9.45 Strange Interlude 11.25 Sugar Ray Leonard 12.25am Film: Provincial Actors 2.30 Close

RTE 1 Starts:4.00pm News followed by Bosco 4.30 Kaboodle 5.00 **Sean the Leprechaun** 5.15 **The Campbells** 5.45 **News** 6.00 **The Angelus** 6 01 **Robotman and Friends** 6 35 **Just William** 7.05 **To the Waters and the Wild** 7.35 **Pulrini** 8 00 **Starbuck** 9.00 **News** 9.20 **Today Tonight** 10.00 **Yes, Prime Minister** 10.30 **Landmark** 11.00 **Rude Health** 11.30 **News, close**

RTE 2 Starts:11.00am Open Golf 2.00pm Tour de France 3.00 Open Golf 3.40 Tour de France 4.45 Open Golf 7.30 Family Ties 8.00 Nuacht 8.05 Cursai 8.35 Mart and Market 8.40 Mailbag 9.00 The Cutting Edge 9.30 Falcon Crest 10.25 Top of the Pops 11.00 Tour de France 11.30 British Open 12.10 Nightlight

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Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Hullo Children . . . Everywhere: Musical memories from the children's record request programme of the Fifties, *Children's Favourites*, with Jeremy Nicholas (r)
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Reports on the inhabitants of the sea off Scotland, Welsh wildlife and animals from Mali in Africa
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens (s)
11.25 On the Day I Was Born (new series); Larry Harris talks to Michael Shea, former press secretary to The Queen, about what was happening on the day he was born – May 10 1938
11.50 Tales of the Loch: Bruce Sandison talks with Christopher Lowell about Lochindorb on Dava Moor (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer news and advice with John Waite
12.25 Blandings (new series): Four-part dramatization of P.G. Wodehouse's *Heavy Weather*, set in Blandings Castle. Starring Ian Carmichael and Richard Vernon (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: Presented by Nick Worrall
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes an interview with George Martin, best-known as being the Beatles record producer, who will be talking about his new book *Making Music* and his new version of Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood* narrated by Anthony Hopkins; plus an interview with Olympic fencer Linda Martin
3.00 News; Sardine Burial: Play by Catherine Lucy Czerkawska about a holiday romance. With Petra Markham and Arturo Venegas (s)
4.00 News
4.05 A Good Read: Brian Gear with guests Mary Cadogan and Brian Sibley discuss paperbacks they've enjoyed reading
4.35 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM: Presented by Frances Coverdale and Robert Williams **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six o'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1988: Robert Robinson chairs the nationwide general knowledge quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? An opportunity to respond to some of the subjects raised in last week's *Any Questions?* Introduced by Caroline Parsons
7.30 Pillars of Society: Hugh Prysor-Jones investigates the Zoological Society of London (r)
8.15 Analysis: Stuart Simon examines Britain's growing economy with productivity rising and profits up, and assesses whether the situation can really last
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? A magazine for disabled listeners and their families. Presented by Kati Whitaker
9.30 Andy Kershaw in the BBC Sound Archives (r)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Reviews of *That Singular Person Called Lear* by Susan Chitty; a films round-up including *The Pointsman, Dark Eyes* and *Sherman's March*; plus a report on the National Portrait Gallery's new satellite gallery at Bodelwyddan Castle
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: And So Did I by Malachi Whitaker (7 of 8) (s) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Kensington By-election Special: James Naughtie presents reactions, David Butler analyses the voting and Mike Baker reports from the constituency, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
2.30 Closedown
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00** pm Listening Corner **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10** am Open University **11.30** American Innocence **11.50** The Palazzo del Te Mantua

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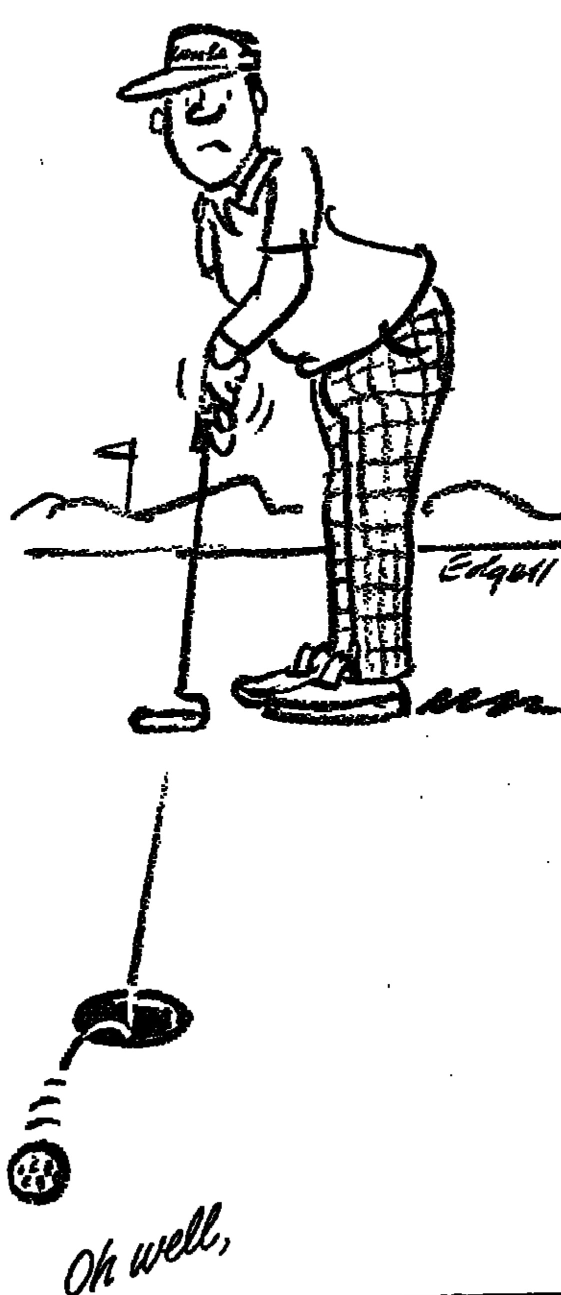
RADIO CHOICE

Admirable solo performance by Roy Hutchins (R3, 9.05pm)

● **Whale Nation** (Radio 3, 9.05pm) must be music to the ears of Greenpeace, whose membership should soar because of it. Hands off this noble mammal, it says in effect: we cannot save our souls unless we save our whales. Heathcote Williams has written a poem that reads like prose, and prose that reads like poetry. There are lines that sing ("A dark blue nucleus in the transparent plasma of the sea") and lines that could have come from an environmentalist's pamphlet ("Men have elected to view the whale as an essential component to an expanding economy"). Herman Melville would have loved *Whale Nation*. What wouldn't he have given for the chance to lift quotes from it to add to the whaling anthology with which he prefaced *Moby Dick*: quotes such as "whales, like Buddhists, are not compulsive eaters" . . . "the largest brain ever created, with a 50 million-year-old smile" . . . "the blue whale weighs 170 tons, as much as 2,700 people: it has seven stomachs and seven-gallon testicles". Except for the odd snatch of whale song, *Whale Nation* is a solo for Roy Hutchins who admirably keeps Williams's sadness and anger in check.

Peter Davalle



YOU CAN BE SURE OF SHELL

Moscow talks on enclave crisis

From A Correspondent
Moscow

The Azerbaijan supreme soviet, or parliament, has rejected as unconstitutional a vote by the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh to secede from Azerbaijan and join Armenia.

As the dispute continued to simmer, a spokesman for the Armenian supreme soviet said that the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union would meet in emergency session in Moscow on Monday to discuss Nagorno-Karabakh, an area with an Armenian majority population within Azerbaijan.

Neither the Supreme Soviet nor the Soviet Foreign Ministry could confirm the date of the meeting.

The Azerbaijani parliament met late on Tuesday, only hours after the Nagorno-Karabakh Communist Party leadership challenged Moscow and the Soviet Constitution by voting virtually unanimously to break with Azerbaijan.

A spokesman for the Azerbaijan supreme soviet said that the vote to declare the Nagorno-Karabakh regional council decision null and void was carried with little debate. It reaffirmed an earlier vote rejecting Armenian appeals for Nagorno-Karabakh to be handed to Armenia.

Officials in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, said the vote triggered demonstrations involving tens of thousands of Armenian nationalists yesterday as a general strike rolled into its second week.

Troops have been deployed in several cities to keep the rival Azerbaijanis and Armenians from repeating February's riots in the Azerbaijan town of Sumgait that left 32 people dead, including 26 Armenians.

In the worst flare-up since then, at least one person was killed and 36 injured when troops clashed with protesters occupying Yerevan airport on July 5. *Pravda* yesterday said a criminal investigation into the civilian leadership of the occupation had been launched.

The Nagorno-Karabkah regional council voted on February 20 to break with Azerbaijan and appealed to the Supreme Soviet to approve the move. That vote, viewed as a direct challenge to Kremlin policy, cost Mr Boris Kevorkov, the local Communist Party chief, his job.

However, Tuesday's vote took things a step further by resolving to secede unilaterally. Armenian nationalist sources in Moscow said that the resolution — which included changing the name of the territory to Arsakh Armyenia, declaring Nagorno-Karabakh independent of Azerbaijan and urging the immediate start of unification measures with Armenia — would be very difficult to implement.

Soviet newspapers have reported that Armenian nationalists in Stepanakert had vowed to die for the cause.

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Caucasus minefield, page 14

Weary travellers resigned to delay

A holidaymaker heading for Greece catching up on his sleep amid the confusion of Manchester Airport departure lounge. Photograph: Barry Greenwood.

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caterers and cleaners, and restaurants were again expected to be open overnight.

One New Yorker described conditions in the terminal lounges as a "zoo".

At Manchester, 4,000 holidaymakers were packed into the main lounge with the prospect of lengthy delays ahead. The longest hold-up was 31 hours on a flight to Thessaloniki.

An airport spokesman said it could take until tomorrow for flights to Greece to return to normal: "We cannot get the flights out until the planes *come back from Greece*".

At Luton, four flights due to leave at about 8 pm on Tuesday to Crete, Pathos, Cyprus, and Corfu were not scheduled to leave until 9 am yesterday.

Mrs Sue Shepherd, from Birmingham, who was flying to Cyprus with her three children, described Tuesday night as terrible: "Some holiday companies have put people in hotels, but I was told that I was regarded as being local, which is absolutely ridiculous. I have had nowhere to look after the children, nowhere to clean up."

● *Staffing levels among air* traffic controllers have fallen to critically low levels, according to the Guild of Air Traffic Controllers (Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter, writes).

There was no sign of this decline being reversed, and "the inevitable fatigue created by longer working hours with fewer fatigue breaks, at more demanding traffic levels, will soon take its toll of physical and mental well-being," the guild said.

Rest but precious little recreation for Miss Jane Emmitt, aged 23, from Surrey, awaiting a holiday flight to Greece in a quiet corner at Gatwick yesterday. Photograph: Nick Rogers.

US 'gave terror warning'

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Rashid's extradition. Washington has been attempting to bring him to the United States over his involvement in the blowing-up of a Pan Am airliner from Tokyo to Honolulu in 1982. He is also suspected of taking part in a similar attack on a TWA passenger plane flying from Rome to Athens in 1986.

Mr Michael Armacost, the US Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, said yesterday during a Worldnet press conference: "We still do have very strong interest in the extradition of Rashid."

He added that the US had not seen "any evidence" to suggest a link between the attack and Tehran, in revenge for the shooting down of the Iran Air Airbus, but he emphasized that Washington was still not clear who was behind the action.

According to US sources, Rashid is a member of a *military branch of the Palestine* Liberation Organization, headed by Colonel Hawari, who was expelled from Iraq in June, 1987. Intelligence sources believe the group may have forged links with the hardline breakaway faction led by Abu Nidal, responsible for the Rome and Vienna airport massacres of 1985 and the attack on Western targets in Khartoum earlier this year.

Rashid's trial had been postponed until July 27 *because of a prisoner warders'* strike. But the Greek Government stepped in and ordered the case to be heard at once. The court was unable to locate an Arabic interpreter, and the hearing had to be adjourned.

Rashid, answering reporters' questions in court, dismissed suggestions that the *attack on the cruise ship had* anything to do with his case.

He alleged: "It was staged by the United States to ruin Greek tourism."

The Greek security authorities were still looking for three Arabs, whose photographs were released on Tuesday, said to be connected with the terrorist attack.

Western security experts said yesterday that they believed investigators would be able to determine the identity of the suspected Arab attackers behind the ferry slaughter, but they added that the guerrillas had probably managed to flee the country.

Cabinet anger at Rover deal hitch

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cost of conceding to the EEC control over anything — including the Government's pet privatization projects — which might still be called British industrial policy."

Mr Gould said that if BAe decided, as now seemed in doubt, to go ahead with the deal as reconstructed in Brussels Lord Young would be shown to have offered them £250 million more than they were prepared to accept.

"Why was the EEC so much *more effective a negotiator on* behalf of the British taxpayer than the Secretary of State? Why was he so profligate with taxpayers' money?"

But if BAe pulled out, where was the fallback position for *the British volume car in*dustry, for which Labour had pressed?

Did not Rover's excellent results yesterday show what could be achieved, under public ownership? "And do they not demonstrate that this ill-starred foray into privatization is an expensive and shortsighted policy?"

The Labour spokesman said that the tax arrangement whereby BAe hoped to use Rover's tax losses to offset *their own price liabilities* could fall foul of the new Corporation Taxes Act and asked if that might not be the potential illegality worrying BAe

Commons sketch

When politics has its ups and downs

Mr Kenneth Clarke has the habit, not uncommon in prep-school masters, but rather more rare in politicians, of for ever pulling up his trousers and re-tucking his shirt. Skilled anthropologists suggest that this can signify either some sort of personal embarrassment or a poor tailor. Now that Mr Clarke's salary is perfectly reasonable, the suggestion of a poor tailor must be discounted. This leaves personal embarrassment.

Down and up went Mr Clarke's trousers yesterday, *and tuck, tuck, tuck* went his hands. His personal embarrassment had become uncomfortably public. He had been expecting to deliver a message to the House confirming the British Aerospace takeover of the Rover Group. Instead, he had to deliver a message saying that British Aerospace had just told him that they hadn't quite made up their minds yet. See those trousers fall!

Mr Bryan Gould attempted to pull them off entirely, tugging at them with all his most trusted terms of condemnation. Were Mr Bryan Gould a disc jockey, he would undoubtedly be in the mould of Mr David Jacobs, easing his way into smoochy well-loved favourites in smooth, reassuring tones. Yesterday, These You Have Loved included "An Unholy Mess" "This Sorry Episode" "This Brief and Astonishing Statement" and, yes, that marvellous golden oldie from veteran bandleader Ted Heath, "The Unacceptable Face of Capitalism". As is so often the case when old tunes are played, the audience immediately dozed off.

"My statement may have been short but it was not in the least embarrassing," replied Mr Clarke, pull, pull, tuck, tuck. On this awful *radio station which is to be* populated by defunct politicians, Mr Clarke might well be the bluff, don't-bother-me-with-your-whining, presenter of the early-morning phone-in. Even on the best of days, he replies to Opposition *members with a sort of* smiling disdain.

But the Bash Street Kids were now laughing those heads off, as rough lads are prone to do. Every word uttered by *Mr Clarke* was greeted with uncontrolled roars of merriment, with jolly Mr Frank Dobson rocking in his seat like a toy with a spherical bottom. Things were in danger of getting out of hand and, whenever that happens, the door flies open to reveal Mr Queich, cane a-quiver, withering remark at hand.

Mr Norman Tebbit — for it was he — pointed his finger at Mr Gould, for whom he seems to enjoy an ill-disguised contempt. Ill-disguised! Why, Mr Tebbit would never go to the trouble to disguise any contempt, preferring to parade it through the Chamber, festooned in ribbons. First, he complained of Mr Gould's "usual attitude" before complaining that "The Hon Member for *Dagenham*" — he enunciated the word "Dagenham" as if it were a form of household germ — "will denounce the deal whether it goes ahead or whether it doesn't".

The class seemed a little more hushed as Quelchy returned to his seat. Mr Andrew Smith (Lab, Oxford East) wished to take over Mr Gould's playlist, offering "Breathtaking Incompetence", "Mammoth Irresponsibility" and the favourite that's sweeping the dance-halls the length and breadth of the country, "Hasn't The Government Made a Mess of This?".

"You cannot reasonably cast doubts on the Government's position," said Mr Clarke, now leaning matter-of-factly on the despatch box as if it were the garden fence. With only a few minutes of interrogation to go, he seemed certain to leave the Chamber a happy man. But then the most awful thing happened. Mr Tam Dalyell *chose to take his side*. "Having spent 25 years involved with the motor industry, and knowing how they can change their minds at the last minute, he has my personal sympathy," he boomed. Dalyell's personal sympathy! *Nothing so embarrassing* had ever happened to Mr Clarke before. Tuck, tuck, pull, pull.

Craig Brown

North Sea oilmen saved

By David Sapsted and David Cross

Twenty-one oil workers and crew aboard a North Sea oilfield helicopter that was forced to make an emergency sea landing off the Shetlands yesterday were rescued unharmed from their life-rafts.

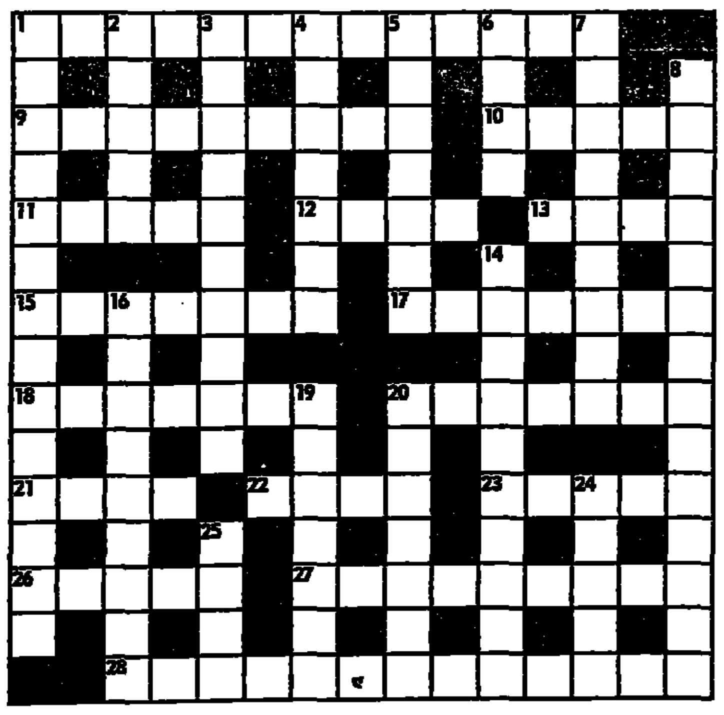
A coastguard spokesman said the helicopter, a Sikorsky S61, ditched into the sea 17 miles east of Lerwick after an engine fire. The aircraft landed *upright* and afloat, and with weather conditions described as reasonable its occupants were able to board the life-rafts.

A coastguard helicopter from Sumburgh, which led a full-scale air and sea rescue operation, winched all 21 of the men on board after jettisoning some of its fuel to reduce weight.

A Civil Aviation Authority team is to begin an immediate inquiry.

The Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union said the helicopter incident, coming *after the Piper Alpha* explosion, was "another manifestation of the shambles which goes by the name of safety". It would undermine the morale of North Sea workers.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,721



ACROSS

1 Quiet 25's close relative employed in making buttons (6-2-5).
9 Like some remote regions and unsuccessful pop songs? (9).
10 Abandoned son in Cornish fishing port (5).
11 It is swallowed up in the levy (5).
12 A supporter used on the set? (4).
13 Display mostly evoking an expression of envy (4).
15 These exponents take great risks, covered by insurance (7).
17 Establishments where boxers may receive training (7).
18 Ascetics' qualities do not include the first sign of charity (7).
20 Rendered almost impotent as a result of Spanish peppers (7).
21 Some soldiers are not dense (4).
22 Said of shepherds who renounce the past (4).
23 East Ender's wife like Queen Wilhelmina (5).
26 English poet said to be sound (5).
27 It means endless trouble for Peter and Paul (9).
28 Race for which garden centre has the finishing posts? (7,6).

DOWN

1 One may reach one's peak in this activity (14).
2 Thanks to the Head of Classics, it's understood (5).
3 Welshman to note on the track, getting away very quickly (10).
4 Work after a month for one putting out feelers (7).
5 Security device father left in the yard (7).
6 Chopper seen around many a centre of revolution (4).
7 A lad I once converted — lukewarm in religion (9).
8 Faust's sole beneficiary, do we hear? (14).
14 Comment critically about talking bird on commercial (10).
16 Desolate island without a flight (9).
19 Have qualms about very little at one time (7).
20 Animal captured and killed when eating a man's horse (7).
24 The main body, or just the chest? (5).
25 Look closely at a bridge support, say (4).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

LIMBERHAM
a. Marmalade-cured ham
b. A *fawning* creep
c. Floating voters

SALTARELLO
a. A dance duet
b. Anchovy paste
c. A bullfighter's assistant

FREIT
a. Grantham for scared
b. A cargo or load
c. A superstition

TRANSHUMANCE
a. Transference of souls
b. Seasonal movements
c. Transubstantiation

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,720

R	E	B	U	T	T	E	R	■	C	A	S	H	E	W
E	■	A	■	O	■	N	■	B	■	F	■	E	■	O
S	A	L	O	N	■	T	O	A	S	T	R	A	C	K
T	■	D	■	U	■	R	■	C	■	E	■	R	■	I
C	H	E	A	P	J	A	C	K	■	R	O	D	I	N
U	■	A	■	■	■	I	■	U	■	N	■	■	■	G
R	E	G	I	M	E	N	■	P	R	O	M	P	T	■
E	■	L	■	E	■	■	■	■	■	O	■	R	■	I
■	H	E	R	M	I	T	■	F	I	N	G	E	R	S
S	■	■	■	O	■	O	■	O	■	■	■	S	■	L
U	P	P	E	R	■	P	E	R	C	A	P	I	T	A
M	■	O	■	A	■	D	■	E	■	R	■	D	■	N
M	I	S	I	N	F	O	R	M	■	G	R	E	E	D
I	■	E	■	D	■	G	■	E	■	U	■	N	■	E
T	H	R	E	A	D	■	I	N	V	E	N	T	O	R

WEATHER

A well developed depression slow moving in the central North Sea means the unseasonal weather will continue, particularly over eastern districts with frequent showers and the likelihood of thunder. Further west there will be more sunshine, but, with a stiff northwesterly breeze it will be a cool day with temperatures only reaching average along sheltered parts of the south coast. Outlook: further showers in the east, sunny spells in the west, *becoming a little warmer*.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Luxor	40	104	s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	Madrid	32	90	s
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Majorca	29	84	s
Algiers	29	84	f	Malaga	26	79	s
Amst'dm	15	59	r	Malta	31	88	s
Athens	30	86	s	Melb'rne	13	55	s
Bahrain	36	97	s	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Barbads*	27	81	c	Miami*	31	88	f
Barcelna	26	79	s	Milan	27	81	f
Belgrade	28	82	f	Montreal*	25	77	f
Berlin	23	73	s	Moscow	28	82	f
Bermuda*	29	84	s	Munich	24	75	s
Biarritz	22	72	s	Naples	30	86	s
Bord'x	22	72	c	N Delhi	26	79	c
Brussels	17	63	c	N York*	27	81	c
Budapst	27	81	s	Nice	27	81	s
B Aires*	10	50	s	Oslo	21	70	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Paris	18	64	c
C'blanca	26	79	s	Peking	32	90	s
Chicago*	27	81	f	Perth	17	63	f
Ch'church	10	50	s	Prague	22	72	s
Cologne	21	70	r	Reykjvik	12	54	f
C'phagn	21	70	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Rio de J	16	61	f
Dublin	17	63	f	Riyadh	45	113	s
Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Rome	29	84	f
Faro	36	97	s	Salzburg	25	77	s
Florence	30	86	f	S Frisco*	16	61	c
Frankfurt	21	70	f	Santiago*	12	54	s
Funchal	24	75	c	S Paulo*	7	45	c
Geneva	25	77	s	Seoul	27	81	f
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Helsinki	24	75	s	St'kholm	21	70	f
Hong K	31	88	f	Strasb'rg	25	77	f
Innsbrck	23	73	f	Sydney	16	61	s
Istanbul	26	79	f	Tangier	35	95	s
Jeddah	39	102	s	Tel aviv	30	86	s
Jo'burg*	14	57	s	Tenerife	23	73	f
L Palmas	26	79	s	Tokyo	24	75	c
Le Tquet	15	59	c	Toronto*	27	81	f

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.2	.04	18	64	cloudy
Cromer	9.1	-	21	70	bright
Lowestoft	7.4	-	21	70	bright
Folkestone	11.7	-	18	64	sunny
Hastings	7.7	-	17	63	bright
Eastbourne	9.1	-	18	64	sunny
Brighton	6.0	.01	17	63	bright
Bognor R	6.5	-	17	63	bright
Southsea	8.0	-	18	64	sunny
Sandown	9.0	-	19	66	sunny
Shanklin	10.0	-	18	64	sunny
Bournemth	10.2	-	20	68	sunny
Poole	10.0	-	20	68	bright
Swanage	11.1	-	18	64	sunny
Exmouth	8.0	-	19	66	sunny
Torquay	6.8	-	20	68	sunny
Falmouth	3.7	-	18	64	cloudy
Scilly Isles	4.1	.04	17	63	rain
Jersey	11.9	-	21	70	sunny
Guernsey	7.8	-	20	68	bright
Newquay	4.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Minehead	5.8	-	19	66	bright
B'pool Airpt	4.4	.01	18	64	shower
Morecambe	3.0	-	17	63	bright
B'ham Airpt	7.6	-	19	66	bright
London	7.5	-	21	70	bright
Manchester	2.3	.02	18	64	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	5.5	-	19	66	sunny
Nottingham	6.1	-	19	66	bright
Anglesey	4.7	.03	17	63	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	4.0	.05	18	64	rain
Tenby	1.5	.19	15	59	rain
Aberdeen	7.0	-	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	5.7	-	18	64	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.8	.03	15	59	bright
Glasgow	8.8	-	19	66	bright
Lerwick	3.9	.11	14	57	shower
Wick	6.4	.01	17	63	shower
Belfast	3.1	.02	17	63	rain

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.58	6.5	3.16	6.5
Aberdeen	2 14	3.9	2.49	3.8
Avonmouth	8.28	11.8	8.44	12.1
Belfast	—	—	12.16	3.0
Cardiff	8 13	11.0	8.29	11.2
Devonport	7.02	4.9	7 18	5.2
Dover	12.01	6.1	12.22	6.2
Falmouth	6.32	4.7	6.48	5.0
Glasgow	1.26	4.6	2.18	4.1
Harwich	12.54	3.7	1.11	3.7
Holyhead	11 41	5.0	11.54	5.3
Hull	7.31	6.8	8.02	6.6
Ilfracombe	7 14	8.2	7.29	8.5
Leith	3.41	5 1	4.11	5.1
Liverpool	12 11	8.7	12.33	8.6
Lowestoft	10.32	2.4	11.23	2.2
Margate	1 07	4.3	1.15	4.4
Milford Haven	7.29	6.3	7 46	6.5
Newquay	6.19	6.3	6.36	6.5
Oban	7.14	3.5	7 15	3.7
Penzance	5.57	4.9	6.14	5.3
Portland	8.26	1.7	8.40	2.0
Portsmouth	12 18	4.3	12.51	4.3
Shoreham	12.03	5.7	12.36	5.8
Southampton	—	—	12.19	4.2
Swansea	7.36	8.5	7.50	8.7
Tees	4.41	5.0	5.12	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	12.50	3.9	1.07	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.09
Austria Sch	22.85	21.65
Belgium Fr	68.35	64.95
Canada $	2.135	2.015
Denmark Kr	12.34	11.74
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.30
France Fr	10.91	10.36
Germany Dm	3.235	3.075
Greece Dr	258	244
Hong Kong $	13.75	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.205	1.145
Italy Lira	2400	2280
Japan Yen	235	223
Netherlands Gld	3.64	3.47
Norway Kr	11.79	11.19
Portugal Esc	262	249
South Africa Rd	4.50	4.00
Spain Pta	213.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	11.14	10.59
Switzerland Fr	2.68	2.55
USA $	1.77	1.68
Yugoslavia Dnr	4500	3700

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 106.2 (May)

London: The *FT* index closed up 6.5 at 1509.8.

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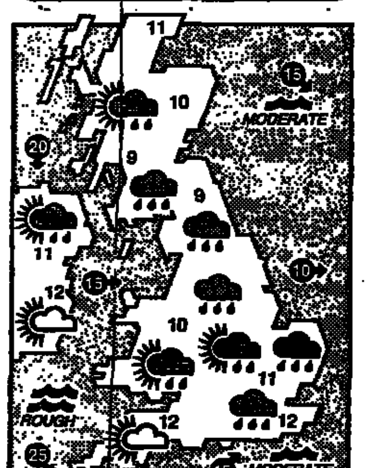
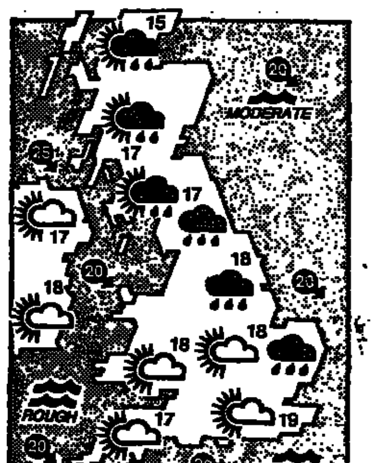


PM



LONDON

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); *min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 62* per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1016.1 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Lowestoft, Suffolk 21C (70F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Milford Haven, Dyfed .35in; highest sunshine: Jersey 11.9hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.42 pm to 4.31 am
Bristol 9.52 pm to 4.41 am
Edinburgh 10.20 pm to 4.18 am
Manchester 10.01 pm to 4.29 am
Penzance 9.57 pm to 4.59 am

Sun rises: 5.00 am
Sun sets: 9.12 pm
Moon rises 4.59 am
Moon sets 10.02 pm
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MANCHESTER

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (65F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F) *Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, .02in.* Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 12.15pm, 6pm, 8.30pm and 10pm.

POLLEN COUNT

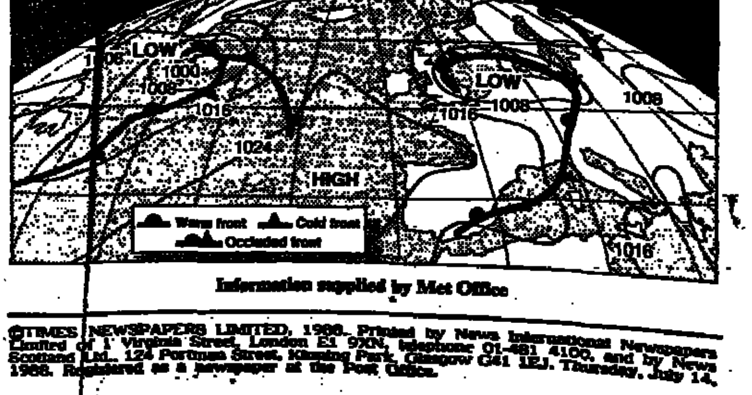
The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 31 (low). Forecast for *today, lower. For the next 24 hours call* National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau: 0898 500431.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	c	Guernsey	15	59	c
B'mgham	16	61	c	Inverness	16	61	c
Blackpool	16	61	c	Jersey	18	64	f
Bristol	17	63	c	London	17	63	r
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'nchster	17	63	c
Edinburgh	14	57	f	Newcastle	13	55	c
Glasgow	15	59	c	R'nldsway	16	61	s

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS
FT 30 Share
1500.8 (+6.5)
FT-SE 100
1871.3 (+12.8)
USM (Datastream)
164.86 (+0.08)

THE POUND
US dollar
1.6910 (–0.0045)
W German mark
3.1233 (+0.0087)
Trade-weighted
75.1 (+0.1)

THE TIMES

THURSDAY JULY 14 1988

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Woolwich may appeal on ruling

The Woolwich Building Society is likely to appeal against a ruling given at Exeter Crown Court which allows the Inland Revenue to keep £8 million in interest to which the Woolwich claimed it was entitled.

The money is interest payable on £57 million in tax which was *returned* by the Revenue to the Woolwich last year after a High Court judgement. The Woolwich *had* successfully claimed it was unfairly collected.

Mr Justice Nolan said that in collecting the tax, the Revenue's "*ultra vires* action has thus been instrumental in obtaining from the Woolwich the equivalent of an enormous interest-free loan."

He added that case law *did* not require the Revenue to repay interest accruing on unauthorized tax demands.

Peachey sells EPIC stake

Peachey Property Corporation, which is discussing a takeover bid from Wereldhave, the Dutch group, has finally withdrawn from the battle for control of Estates Property Investment Company, and sold its 34.2 per cent interest in EPIC to the rival Giltvote group.

Giltvote will pay Peachey the same 275p a share paid to those who accepted its bid, valuing Peachey's stake at some £23 million compared with its cost price of £21.7 million.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2085.70 (–6.94)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	28020.10 (–79.74)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2744.85 (–27.68)
Amsterdam: Gen	265.1 (–1.0)
Sydney: AO	1618.4 (–6.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1467.2 (–20.3)
Brussels:	
General	4932.3 (–23.2)
Paris: CAC	n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen	471.5 (–1.7)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	972.51 (+6.1)
FT.– "500"	1061.30 (+6.9)
FT. Gold Mines	218.1 (+0.6)
FT. Fixed interest	97.34 (+0.07)
FT. Govt Secs	87.82 (+0.04)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Christies Intnl	560p (+25p)
Rush & Tompkins	280p (+15p)
Morgan Grenfell	315p (+20p)
Granger	500p (+17p)
Davies & Newman	695p (+30p)
Vaux Group	828½p (+17p)
Johnson Matthey	363½p (+14p)
Yale & Valor	445p (+19p)
Burmah	542½p (+17p)
Derwent Holdings	805p (+15p)
Ultramar	301p (+13p)
RHM	450p (+10p)
Hanover Druce	230p (+10p)
Beauford	200p (+10p)
Ratners Group	258p (+10p)
Nurdin & Peacock	161½p (+10p)
Barbour Index	270p (+10p)
Electrocomponents	218½p (+10p)
Cambridge Elec	242½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Gresham House	390p (–10p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	24008

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank 10 5/16-10¼%
3-month eligible bills: 9 29/32-9¾%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7 15/16%*
3-month *Treasury Bills* 6.71-6.70%*
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CURRENCIES

London:	**New York:**
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£: DM3.1233	$: DM1.8457*
£: SwFr2.5915	$: SwFr1.5315*
£: FFr10.5332	$: FFr6.2255*
£: Yen224.65	$: Yen132.80*
£: index:75.1	$: index:98.2
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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $436.20 pm-$435.00
close $436.25-436.75 (£258.00-258.50)
New York:
Comex $438.30-438.80*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug.) pm $14.05bbl ($14.00)
* Denotes latest trading price

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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Yale and Valor (02534), still boosted by stake speculation, rose 18p; Nurdin and Peacock (02778) gained 10p after a brokers' meeting; Ranks Hovis (01161) jumped 8p on a possible offer.
- Recent additions include: Hi-tech Sports 03333; Reject Shop 03340; British Sugar 10¾% deb 03334; Appleby Westward 03173.
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City braced for sharp fall in BAe

By John Bell, City Editor

The City is bracing itself for a substantial fall in the British Aerospace share price when dealings resume after suspension — whether or not the Rover deal goes ahead.

On the latest European Commission proposals, BAe shares would be marked down by roughly 10 per cent when share trading resumes, say market-makers. This would reflect the reduction in the subsidy to Rover insisted upon by *the Commission.*

But the fall in the share price will be more severe if the Rover deal eventually falls, they agreed. The shares were suspended yesterday morning at 470p.

Analysts say the controversial £150 million government sale of Rover is in the balance, after the eleventh-hour decision by British Aerospace to halt the purchase.

News that Professor Roland Smith, the BAe chairman, is asking for more time to consider *the tough new terms* from the Commission came little more than an hour before the expected completion of the deal.

"It was a total suprise," said Mr John McGee, engineering analyst at Warburg Securities. Mr Robert Speed at Phillips & Drew, the broker, said: "No one was expecting the deal to stall at this late stage. We must now regard the deal as in the balance."

City opinion accepts that the terms announced by the Commission are far more severe than expected. But there is overwhelming support *for the purchase — even on the* new terms. "In the short term there is a fantastic benefit to British Aerospace," said Mr Ian Wild, engineering analyst at BZW, the securities arm of *Barclays Bank.*

Sources close to the deal were hinting last night that a number *of details in what is* referred to as the "fine print" of the EC conditions have significant implications for BAe. "The management is having to go through a process of due diligence in the interests of its shareholders before it can put its name to anything," said one insider last night.

Professor Smith's forceful assertion that he would not accept a purchase of Rover unless *it* is free of debt is not thought to be a big stumbling block, despite the Com*mission's insistence that £100* million of working capital finance must remain.

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There are thought to be a number of ways that the debt could be offset against improvements to the terms called for by the Commission.

BAe asked for its shares to be suspended, and said later that *it had* only just been informed that the Commission's proposals "may involve *additional terms* and conditions which are material in assessing their acceptability."

The company conveyed the impression that it regarded the EC's final terms as a serious obstacle to completion of the acquisition, and is leaving open the possibility that it may eventially walk away from the deal.

The company said: "British *Aerospace will* be seeeking further clarification of these terms and conditions, and when the details are known its directors will consider what action to take."

Among the EC conditions was a bigger than expected cut of £331 million in the planned *£800 million* cash injection by the Government. The Commission said it also wanted a limit of £500 million on a tax deal that would allow British Aerospace to use accumulated Rover losses after the purchase went through.

Mr Peter Sutherland, European Commissioner for comp*etition, said the tax deal would* allow BAe only to offset taxes against future Rover profits, not against future BAe profits.

Mr Sutherland said he did not know whether the new terms would be acceptable to BAe. *He* added that Rover plants in areas eligible for regional aid, under schemes already *approved* by the Commission, would be allowed to receive government financial help worth up to 20 per cent of their total investments over the next four years. But the Commission had decided that such state aid would have to be limited to a maximum of £78 million.

Analysts say that if the new terms are accepted as they stand, BAe would produce a *substantial earnings gain this* year, with the full benefits coming through in 1989. The balance sheet would also gain from a boost to net assets of between £700 million and £800 million.

But they also pointed out that BAe's bargaining strength had been considerably improved by the substantial Saudi Arabian defence contract announced last week, *and the favourable changes in* the sterling /dollar exchange rate since the Rover deal was first mooted.

Rover best since 1979

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Rover Group made a pre-tax profit of £7.1 million for the first six months of 1988, its *best financial performance* since 1979.

Despite a cut in export revenue *of 14* per cent to *£460* million, due to the strong pound and losses in its Ster*ling sales operation in the* United States, Rover managed a £47 million turnround from a pre-tax loss of £39.9 million for the first half of 1987.

Austin Rover has followed a £5.1 million operating profit for the 12 months of 1987 with *a £17.5 million* profit *in the* first six months of 1988, a £33.9 million improvement *on its position for the first half* of last year.

The five-week strike at Land Rover is reputed to have cost the company £25 million, yet profits in the first half held up at £10.8 million compared with £7.5 million

The group's car sales, including Range Rover, improved by 6 per cent to 166,668 in Britain in the first *half, and vehicle production* for Austin Rover and Land Rover climbed from 246,000 *to 281,000. Mr Graham Day,* Rover chairman, said production of Range Rover was at record levels.

Rover's half-year results, published some weeks ahead of schedule, revealed an operating profit of £19.9 million.

BCI may have needed dealers licence

By Lawrence Lever

The inquiry into the Department of Trade's handling of the Barlow Clowes affair is to examine whether the department should have licenced and monitored the company's Gibraltar operations in which investors face losses of more £100 million.

Investors would have substantially more *chance* of receiving their money back if Sir Godfray Le Quesne QC, who heads the inquiry, rules that the DTI was responsible for Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar arm.

Government ministers have hinted that BCI was genuinely operated offshore and so did not fall within the DTI's regulatory powers.

But remarks by Mr Frances Maude, corporate affairs minister, reported in Hansard, have thrown into question the scope of the DTI's responsibilities in the affair. He said: "BCI's *view* was apparently that it was not carrying on business in this country. Accordingly, it did not seek a licence or other authorization under the old Act....Whether my department had reason to believe that it, *BCI*, should have had a licence will have to be judged on the facts that will be answered in Sir Godfray's report."

On the evidence available it appears that all the losses sustained by investors in the *Barlow Clowes crash relate to* the Gibraltar operation, which was never licensed. This was because BCI claimed to operate offshore and only marketed itself in the UK through intermediaries.

However, the vital test is whether it was carrying on business in the UK. If it was, the DTI ought to have licensed and monitored it — or closed it down.

Since the Barlow Clowes affair broke it has emerged that the Gibraltar head*quarters of BCI* was merely a marketing and administration centre. According to documents obtained by *The Times*, the investment decisions were to *be made* by Mr Peter Clowes, who is a UK resident, and a Jersey partnership called Barlow Clowes & Partners. However, there is evidence to suggest that even the Jersey partnership had ceased to exist at the time the management agreement for BCI was signed.

Also likely to be relevant to whether a licence was required is the fact that almost all the directors of *BCI* were resident in the UK and that tens of millions of the BCI money was lent to private and public companies operating in the UK.

Inflation fear prompts Greenspan to squeeze targets

Fed chief tightens purse strings

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, yesterday *announced* a significant tightening of US monetary policy to counter *inflationary* pressures which he said had intensified in recent weeks. The decision was *interpreted* by markets as a move toward higher interest rates before the presidential *elections.*

Stating his belief that the Fed would be "well advised to err on the side of restrictiveness rather than of stimulus," Mr Greenspan said the central bank had decided to lower its 1989 monetary targets *by* a full point for the M2 indicator and by half a percentage point for the M3 *indicator.* The range for domestic, non-financial debt was also lowered by *half a point.* The 1988 targets were unchanged.

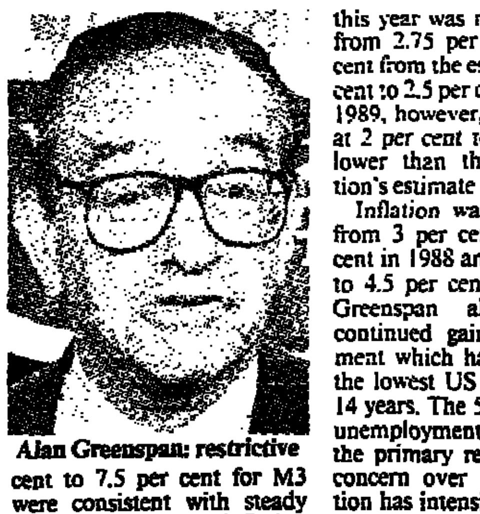
The signal to markets that *the* Fed saw inflation as a growing threat that would be countered by appropriate changes in monetary policy was seen as the most important statement yet made by Mr Greenspan.

But he cautioned, in his semi-annual report to Congress, that the new targets could be changed at any time. He also said that, although interest rates had risen recently, it did not "necessarily follow that they will continue to do so."

Senators on the Banking Committee expressed alarm, however, that the provisional *tightening* could plunge the economy into recession as a new president was taking *office.*

Some expressed concern that the world was moving toward a period of high interest rates which would trigger a recession but Mr Greenspan said that he knew of no plans at this time *for foreign* central banks to raise their interest rates.

He *said that* the new target ranges, from 3 per cent to 7 per cent for M2, and from 3.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent for M3 were consistent with steady growth in which inflation would be held in check. The targets, he said, would curb any *tendency for inflation to* worsen and would contribute over time to the restoration of price stability.

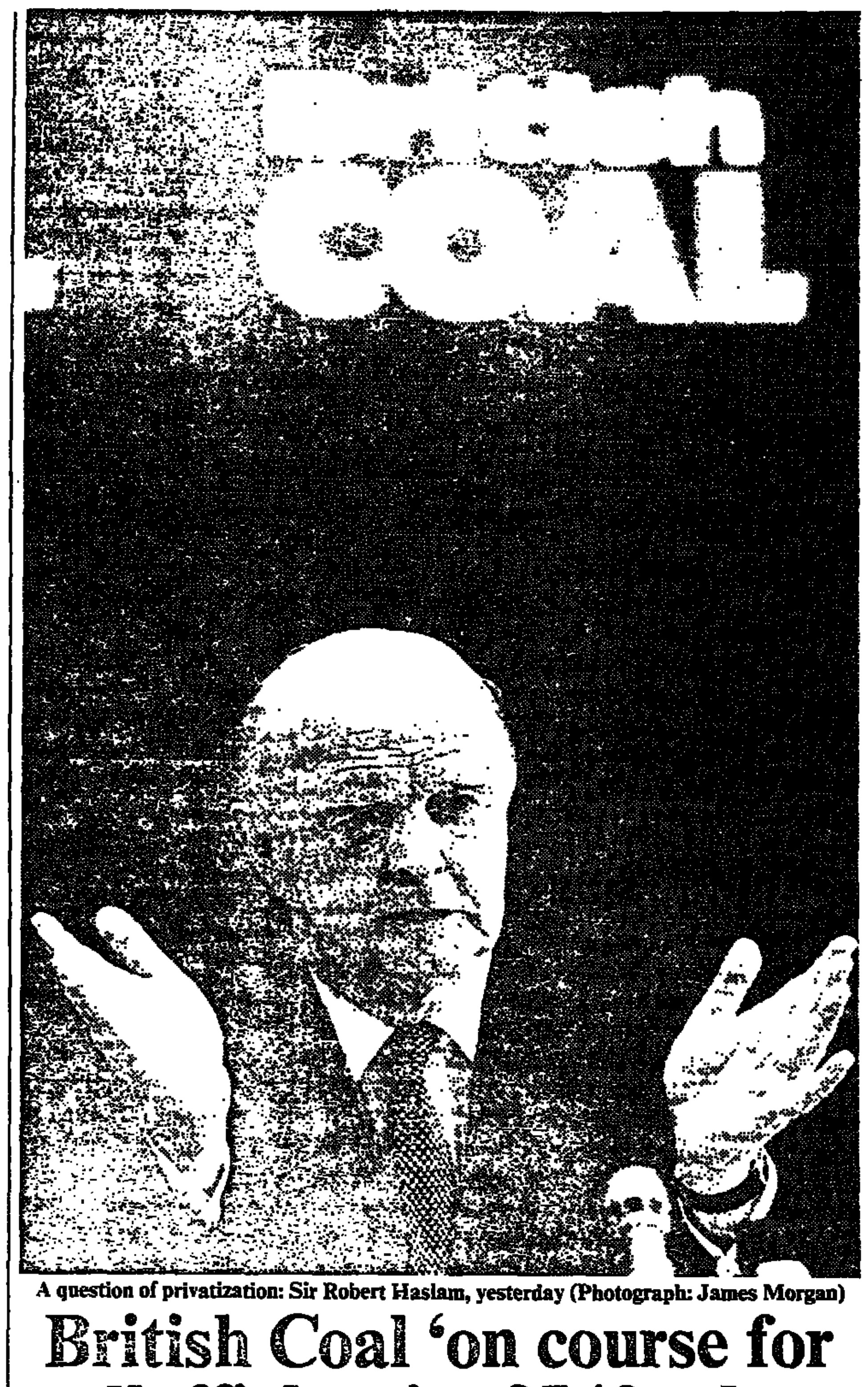


Alan Greenspan: restrictive

His general assessment of the US economy at the midyear was optimistic. Growth from the fourth quarter of 1987 to the fourth quarter of this year was revised upward from 2.75 per cent to 3 per cent from the estimate of 2 per cent to 2.5 per cent. Growth in 1989, however, was projected at *2 per cent to 2.5 per cent,* lower than the Administration's estimate of 3.3 per cent.

Inflation was *estimated* at from 3 per cent to 3.75 per cent in 1988 and at 3 per cent to 4.5 per cent in 1989. Mr Greenspan also predicted continued gains in employment which have resulted in the lowest US jobless rate in 14 years. The 5.3 per cent US unemployment rate is one of the primary reasons the Fed concern over renewed inflation has intensified. Although wage increases have remained low, officials fear that demands for higher wages will *intensify, triggering a wage-*price sprial.

Mr Greenspan, noting the volatile economic movements over the past year said that several factors had convinced the central bank that it should not fall behind in establishing restraint.



A question of privatization: Sir Robert Haslam, yesterday (Photograph: James Morgan)

British Coal 'on course for selloff' despite £540m loss

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Despite a deep plunge into losses in its last financial year, British Coal could break even this year for the first time in more than a decade, leaving it in about the same position as British Steel three years ago.

Thus British Coal could well be ready for privatization after the next election, as envisaged by *the* Government.

This was the claim from Sir *Robert Haslam, British Coal's* chairman, when announcing the financial results for the year to March — but he underlined this presupposed no important industrial relations problems.

There was an implicit warning to the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers, that while the NUM was still against a deal on six-day flexible working, ad hoc arrangements to have specific non-recurring tasks done at *local pit level were spreading* through the industry.

The loss for the year was £540 million against £288 million the previous year. This was before an offset of a £200 million deficit grant from the Government.

Some directors' pay fell, as their salaries were performance-related. Four directors had been in the £65,000-£70,000 bracket in 1986-1987, but in 1987-1988 three slipped to £60,000-£65,000. Another fell from £45,000-£50,000 to *£40,000-£45,000. But miners'* pay has gone up, and British Coal said the £20,000-a-year face worker was "on the radar screen."

The operating profit for the latest 12 months, which Sir Robert maintained was the industry's main financial performance indicator, was £216 *million (£369 million).* This operating profit had worsened by just over 40 per cent because of two adverse factors.

One was a loss of £100 million from the effects of overtime bans by the NUM and the colliery deputies' union, Nacods. There was also more than £100 million paid out by the corporation in price concessions to customers to *offset the effects of currency* changes.

First-quarter results in the current year were putting the corporation on track to make an operating profit of £500 million this year.

Since the end of the first quarter there had been further improvements which pointed to an operating profit of £600 million, Sir Robert added.

Goodman ready to bid £1.5bn for RHM

By Colin Campbell

Ranks Hovis McDougall, the maker of Hovis brown bread, Bisto products, Saxa table salt *and a host of other food items,* was yesterday put on immediate bid alert after Goodman Fielder Wattie, the Australian food conglomerate and Australia's largest bread maker, announced it was "currently considering making a general offer for the company".

Goodman Fielder, which already holds 29.4 per cent of RHM, said that if a full bid did materialize — and the group's *formal statement* emphasized that it was too early to say whether any definitive offer would be made — then it would be at a level not materially different from RHM's share price of 445p.

Goodman Fielder does, however, reserve its right to raise its offer if a counter-bid were to emerge.

RHM, which is capitalized at £1.56 billion, advanced from 440p to 450p.

Its board said that it would not make any comment unless and until an offer was actually made. RHM added that *if* a formal offer were made, "it would not be welcome".

Goodman Fielder's statement, issued with the blessing of the Takeover Panel, struck a number of City analysts as ambiguous and others as "desperate" in that it suggests that Goodman Fielder has yet to *finalize its package.*

It is understood that Goodman Fielder had planned to approach RHM *next* week in the hope of securing a boardroom recommendation, and that, should a full bid materialize, it would be for cash with a loan note alternative.

Goodman Fielder would not have to dispose of assets to fund the takeover, though how the bid is to be balanced between cash and borrowings has yet to be decided.

There is no love lost between the two groups, which are significant players in their own respective markets.

Goodman Fielder has a market capitalization of Aus$2.7 billion (£1.26 billion). it last reported a turnover for *the year ended June 1987 of* Aus$2.7 billion, and a pre-tax profit of Aus$244 million.

RHM achieved a turnover of £1.5 billion and a pre-tax profit of £116.1 million in its year ended August 1987. In its latest half year, to March 5, pre-tax profits rose from a comparable £52.9 million to £72.5 million.

There have been informal talks between both boards *since 1986 but RHM has* consistently denied the Australian's request for boardroom representation.

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THE PERFUMER

English flower perfume makers?
There's only Juan.

"He who frequents the perfumer's shop and lingers even a short time will carry with him the scent of the place", wrote Seneca in AD 64.

The perfume must have gone to his head, for surely this was a futuristic dream of Floris, 89 Jermyn Street, SW1.

Established in 1730 by a young Spaniard, Juan Famenias Floris, the secrets of providing English flower perfumes to douse the smells of the English Unwashed are still continued 200 years later by the eighth generation.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Union Discount lifts its interim dividend

Union Discount Company of London, the discount house, yesterday reported a significant drop in interim profits for the first six months of this year because of volatile interest-rate movements during the period. It has, however, recommended an increase in the dividend from 11.33p to 11.5p. Although bank base rates rose slightly early in the year they subsequently fell and then rose again in rapid stages to a higher level than six months ago.

The company said that *in these transient conditions*, extreme and often unpredictable swings made markets exceptionally difficult to interpret. Union said that it had continued its strategy of expanding into related areas with the purchase of market-making and leasing operations.

£2m buy for Thorntons

Thorntons, the quality chocolate and toffee group, is buying Gartner Pralines, the Belgian chocolate maker, for £2 million. Of the amount £310,000 will be paid on Gartner meeting its profit target of about £295,000 for 1988. Thorntons, which began as a family sweet shop in 1911, was floated on the Stock Exchange in May.

Prudential purchase

Prudential Corporation has bought John Staite & Sons, a firm of estate agents. It brings to 773 the number of offices in England and Wales run by Prudential Property Services. The acquisition is for an undisclosed sum in cash and shares. Staite has outlets in Warwick, Kineton and Leamington Spa, in the Midlands.

Ransomes Sims grows

Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, the lawnmower maker, is strengthening its Italian operation with a 1,620 *million lire* (£705,000) purchase and a new factory. It is buying BTS Green, a maker of rotary lawnmowers based near Milan in north *Italy, through its subsidiary GD Mountfield. The* acquisition will take place over the next three years.

BTS production will be transferred to the 28,000 sq ft *factory being fitted at Barzago, also near Milan. Some of* Mountfield's existing range of pedestrian rotary mowers will be made at Barzago.

BET acquires Celtic Cranes

BET, the industrial services group, has bought Celtic Cranes for £1.7 million in shares, loan stock and cash, to strengthen its construction plant hire operation. Celtic has five depots in Bristol and South Wales. The acquisition would add turnover of £1.4 million to BET's annual scaffolding and plant hire revenues of *£278* million.

Johnson Matthey

Johnson Matthey has asked us to make clear the company being *investigated* by the fraud squad is Johnson Matthey Bankers, which has not been part of *the* Johnson Matthey group since it was transferred to the Bank of *England on October 1, 1984.* Johnson Matthey itself is unconnected with any invest*igations into activities* of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Acsis Group expands

Acsis Group, the former jeweller transformed into a marketing services company, has further expanded its Ingleby Group subsidiary, which sells advertising space in hotel, theatre and cinema publications, with the £130,000 cash purchase of Consolidated Media, a seller of space on theatre ticket wallets.

Following the acquisition, Ingleby will have exclusive contracts with more than 260 theatres throughout Britain, the company said. United Media, a company similar to Consolidated Media, was bought in May, when the retail jewellery business was disposed of through a management buyout. Acsis now has a dominant position in the theatre ticket wallet market.

TEMPUS

Dixons on hard road to recovery

Some of Dixons' present difficulties have been caused by factors outside its control, but others arose closer to home.

The group's past success allowed self-examination to be kept to a minimum, so for Dixons to admit mistakes had been made and changes are necessary has required a big adjustment.

This bodes well for the company's future although the timing of the recovery is still unclear.

The first eight weeks of the current year on the domestic retail front were down on the last year although July has been a bit better.

Margins are still depressed although *off the bottom*, but it is early days to feel sure they will recover to the heady levels achieved *in 1986-87.*

Cost-cutting is under way by integrating Dixons and Currys while keeping their separate retailing identities. Apart from administrative savings, keener buying will enhance margins. The savings from this will, however, initially be absorbed by the costs of integrating the two businesses.

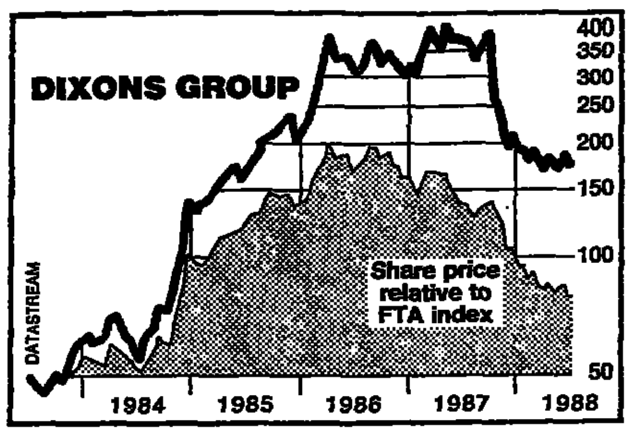
The price deflation which proved so damaging last year is showing signs of easing. But volumes are unlikely to show significant recovery until new products appear towards the end of the year. The market is waiting eagerly for lower priced camcorders and satellite dishes.

The *US* market is *holding* up well and Dixons is expanding through modestly sized acquisitions and greenfield openings. But volatile currency movements may continue to effect profits on translation. A move into Europe is also being considered.

The new management team *will take time* to mature, although, in operating terms, the recent appointees are certainly technically up to scratch. It may take time, however, for a satisfactory strategy to take the group forward to be developed.

The Christmas selling period will, as always, be the make-or-break time for Dixons, thus the first-half figures are unlikely to show much progress. For the year as a whole, however, pre-tax profits of £120 million are *achieveable, putting the shares* on 10 times earnings.

The shares make a classic recovery stock with all the inherent risks and rewards.



Cable and Wireless

Small shareholders in Cable and Wireless could be forgiven if they were disturbed by the news that a rival telecommunications network is to be set up in Hong Kong. For C&W generates the bulk of group profits from its exclusive franchises there.

The full implications of the decision will not become clear until the *Hong Kong* government delivers the long-awaited review of its telecoms policy. This was expected *before the summer holiday* period, but the fact that the network decision was an*nounced separately suggests it* may not be ready until September.

The review will settle crucial matters such as the future of C&W's exclusive franchise to operate the local telephone network which expires in 1995 — two years before the transfer of sovereignty to China. C&W's international franchise expires in 2006, therefore an extension of local monopoly to the same year looks likely but by no means certain.

But will the franchises remain exclusive, will the British company's 75 per cent shareholding in the telephone operation be preserved after 1997, and will the royalties from high margin international business remain intact?

The network decision sounds threatening, but *in the* short term at least, is less likely to be so than some of the *matters still to be determined* by the review.

Tenders are to be invited for two licences: one to run the second network and another to operate a cable TV service. C&W's company will be prevented from offering cable TV via its own network and from taking a stake greater than 15 per cent in the second network. In practical terms this rules out C&W from both businesses.

Mr John Clarke, of McCaughan Dyson Capel-Cure, the broker, fears the new cable TV network could become a Trojan horse for the the new franchisee, probably Hutchison Whampoa in partnership with British Telecom, to offer business-related services.

In the short run though, he expects minimal impact on C&W's profitability. But an *adverse outcome* to the review may upset sentiment.

On a broader perspective, the broker sees an average 20 per cent profits growth for the next five years. This would seem to justify the current premium over the *shares* of the much more pedestrian BT. At 368p, C&W shares sell on a *prospective earnings* multiple of 13.4 times, falling to 11 times on 1990 projections. Ahead of the review, the ratings look up with events. But a favourable result could see further strong demand.

Stead & Simpson

The battle for Stead & Simpson looks like being close run, but will most probably end inconclusively with Clayform not quite gaining the 51 per cent of voting shares it needs for outright control.

Not that it is a foregone conclusion that Clayform will fail. Having bought a further 4.7 per cent in the past few days, it now has 40.3 per cent, and there are two business *days left before the offer lapses* on Saturday.

The voting shares, at £15.10, remain well above the £14.50 offer price. The price of the A non-voting shares has *slumped* to *116p*, compared with the offer price of 151p.

Most shareholders own both *classes of shares*, and were it not for the family loyalty factor, the arithmetic would look most compelling, notwithstanding the capital gains tax implications of Clayform's all-cash offer. Should the bid lapse on Saturday, there is every prospect *that the* A shares could drop to below 100p a share, implying a *greater than 50p-a-share* loss for the majority of shares that shareholders still own.

Win or *lose, nothing* will ever be quite the same again as far as the shoe retailer is concerned. Even if Clayform does not succeed in outright takeover, it will still have managed to buy more than 40 per cent of the voting control for an outlay of £9.3 million, less than 10 per cent of the total value of its £108 *million* bid. Surely this is not what was intended when the two-tier voting structure was created.

Stead & Simpson may argue that it has lived for years with a 29 per cent shareholder, but a shareholder with a block of more than 40 per cent is an entirely different *matter.* Clayform will certainly be able to exert significant influence on the board, and *given it is* never easy to muster votes from a large number of small shareholders, Clayform's block may even give it de facto control.

While buying voting shares, *Clayform also bought* 12 per cent of the A shares and has acceptances for a further 19 *per cent.* While it has not yet decided whether to keep the A shares, it will certainly keep *the voting shares,* remaining a permanent thorn in the flesh of Stead & Simpson.

CBI chief attacks rates threat to investment

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Mr John Banham, director-*general of the Confederation* of British Industry (CBI), has attacked what he described as *uncompetitive interest rates* which hit manufacturing profitability and threatened much-needed *investment.*

Mr Banham, in a London speech, said: "Having spent *the last six months preventing* the financial markets talking us into recession, we now have to *prevent* them *talking* us into inflation." Retail price inflation, excluding housing and the nationalized industries, in May this year was 3.9 per cent, almost exactly what it was a year ago, *he said.*

A similar situation existed *with the annual rate of* increase in manufacturing output prices (4.8 per cent up *against 4.5 per cent* a year ago).

He added: "It is unlikely *that any inflationary upsurge* will come from the manufacturing sector where compet*itive pressures are still strong.*

"Our advice to the Government is to avoid over-reacting. They *should continue to put* faith in the very real improvement in manufacturing perfor*mance over the last decade.*"

The Budget tax cuts were a mistake because they fuelled *consumer spending, he said.*

Attenborough calls for freeze on Elstree plan

By Martin Waller

Directing the rescue operation: Sir Richard Attenborough

Sir Richard Attenborough, the country's most respected film director and maker of such epics as *Gandhi* and *A Bridge Too Far*, has called on the Government to put a preservation order on the apparently doomed Elstree film studios in Hertfordshire.

This would give the film industry time to put together a package to save Elstree and prevent its new owner, a consortium of property developers, from sending in the bulldozers once they take possession in October, Sir Richard said.

Such a package could include the American partnership of Mr George Lucas, the producer, and Mr Steven Spielberg, the director, he added, who would be in a position to promise to bring work to the studio.

Meanwhile, Mr Lucas reacted to suggestions that his plan to mount a rescue of the Elstree film studios was a publicity stunt.

"I'm interested in seeing that the film crews here in England, which we need to make films, are maintained," he said.

He said he had been approached by various people in the film world interested in putting money into a venture to keep film-making going at the studios, and the publicity given to his scheme was in no way an attempt to "curry favour" with the film unions.

Sir Richard said it was quite feasible for the film industry to put together a scheme which would allow part of the 29-acre site to be developed, giving the property consortium a profit on the deal, while the studios were retained.

But this would need time which could only be obtained by government action.

"I think it all depends on the backbone of the Government," he added. "My genuine fear is that we won't be given the opportunity, because the bulldozers will go in."

The Government's line, as given in the Commons last Thursday by Mr John Butcher, the industry minister, is that the situation at Elstree is a matter for its new owners and the regular planning authorities.

A meeting at the House of Lords today of the British Screen Advisory Council, representing the film and television industries, which Sir Richard is chairing, is likely to result in a unanimous call to the Government to put a temporary block on development at Elstree.

Quest rises to £3.3m on Soviet sales boom

By Our City Staff

Booming sales to the Soviet Union helped lift pre-tax profits at Quest Group, the Hampshire manufacturer of computer systems, by 46 per cent to £3.36 million in the year to end-February.

TheSoviet Union *accounts* for about 60 per cent of the company's turnover.Quest *now has about £30 million*-worth of work there, said Mr Freddie Stirling, the chair*man, and this could double* or even treble quite easily over the next few years.

But *glasnost* and *perestroika* have not been of unalloyed benefit to the company, whose presence in the USSR goes back to 1970.

The reorganization and consequent arrival of new faces there has meant personal contacts have had to be forged afresh, and this has pushed back the timing of contract conclusions, Mr Stirling said.

"The growth we would expect from the Soviet Union will be partially delayed into the next financial year. The real growth will most likely come through in the year to February 1991," he added.

Quest, despite being the smallest of the eight British companies with an office in Moscow, reckons to have the largest organization out there, said Mr Stirling. It has just received permission to expand further.

The company said a number of large deals were at an advanced stage of negotiation with the Soviet authorities.

One of its aims is to import products made by other British companies into the USSR, where Quest can make its own contribution by adding an electronic maintenance ele*ment to the* contract.

Results for 1987-88 show a contribution of £300,000 at the pre-tax level from January's acquisition of Grist Business Services, although this was subsequently cut back by £161,000 in extraordinary provisions for the expected costs of integration.

Fears of a flat outturn to the current year trimmed the shares back 8p to 91p, even though the figures were ahead of expectations.

Quest has agreed to buy Xtech and Xsoft, two Northampton suppliers of computer systems, in exchange for 600,000 new shares.

A final dividend of 1p boosts the year's total by 50 per cent to 1.5p.

Bell asset sales could trigger the withdrawal of Bond bid

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Mr Alan Bond's Bond Corporation Holdings could withdraw its Aus$670 million (£310 million) bid for Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group if Bell sells assets totalling Aus$25 million. This was revealed yesterday when the formal takeover document (Part A) was registered.

The sale of a Aus$500 million stake in BHP, the oil-steel-mining conglomerate, by *Bell Resources, Bell Group's* associate, would trigger this "escape clause".

Mr Holmes à Court said on Tuesday that an international brokers' syndicate formed to *sell the stake had not been* authorized by Bell.

It was also revealed yes*terday that if the bid for Bell* were aborted, Bond would have to sell its current 19.9 per cent stake in Bell Group within two months. Such a sale would incur a substantial loss for Bond, given its relatively high entry price of Aus$2.70, the same as the bid price.

This sale condition and others were agreed during negotiations between Bond and the National Companies and Securities Commission.

The NCSC demanded the "all or nothing" requirement before approving the registra*tion of the Part A.*

The bid is being funded by Midland Bank (Aus$300 mil*lion), the Hongkong & Shang*hai bank group (Aus$350 million) and Bond's "internal sources".

The offer document discloses that the takeover will cost Bond Aus$670 million on the basis of full acceptance of the cash bid by eligible holders of fully-paid shares.

If the takeover goes ahead, Bell Group's asset-sale programme will be increased in a bid to eliminate all debt in Bell Group. The only assets Bond *plans to keep are Bell Group's* media interests and share-investments in Bell Resources and *associate JN* Taylor, and Dewey Warren, the British insurance broker.

The Part A says Bond had not reached a final view on the 15 per cent stake in Standard *Chartered* Bank, nor on whether the British property, theatre and cinema interests or the film library should be realized.

Hotels see light at end of tunnel

By Our City Staff

The Channel tunnel will open big new opportunities for Britain's *hotel* industry, members of its trade association were told yesterday.

They also heard that the tunnel gave hotels a fine opportunity to develop the short-break market, which would help *counter the drop in domestic holidays* and seasonal fluctuations.

Mr Donald Durban, the chairman of *the national* council of *the* British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers' Association, told its annual meeting in *London:* "*If* ease of travel will tempt more Britons to sample *le weekend* on the Continent, we must counter by developing new marketing strategies to attract more continentals to Britain." Up to *29 million* individual journeys are expected to be made in the first year after the tunnel opens in 1993.

Mr Durban said there was a massive investment in new hotels and refurbishment of others. Money was also being poured into conference and leisure facilities, the conversion of country houses and historic mansions, and in new budget hotels along key roads.

In the second half of last year, Mr Durban said, £357 million was spent on *projects* costing £500,000 or more.

Mr Durban later called for a new national rating system for hotels, to *ensure* visitors knew exactly what they were receiving for their money. London was rapidly becoming the hotel capital of the world, but a new rating system was urgently needed so that visitors knew exactly what *they* were paying for, industry leaders said.

Mr Durban said Britain needed ratings easily *understood* by the public and foreign visitors, and compatible with other international systems.

The tourist boards had "got it wrong" with the crown classification system introduced by the tourism industry. A debasing of the coinage had given Britain more than 300 five-crown hotels, compared with 23 five-star properties, he said.

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Prince urges stronger trade links between Britain and Australia

By Colin Narbrough

The Prince of Wales and the British and Australian governments yesterday called for a renaissance in Anglo-Australian trade that would build on the long-standing cultural and commercial ties between the two countries.

The appeal came at a seminar in London on bilateral trade and investment, organized by the Australian British Chamber of Commerce to mark the bicentenary of white settlement in Australia.

The end of the Empire and Britain's increasing integration with continental Europe led to a decline in Anglo-Australian trade which many economists consider irreversible, but delegates at yesterday's meeting at the Inn on the Park hotel saw a sea-change taking place.

Sir James Balderstone, chairman of Broken Hill Proprietary, Australia's biggest company, said: "The economic tides are again running in favour of closer Anglo-Australian relationships."

The Prince said he was keen to enhance mutual trade and reinforce the things that unite Australia and Britain, as his royal role in both Commonwealth nations could not allow him solely to promote British exports.

He saw "enormous possibilities" for both countries in developing economic ties to better exploit the wider markets of the Pacific Basin and Europe. Collaboration in third countries was also worth investigating, he said.

Although Australia had far fewer companies operating in Britain than the 1,500 British companies in Australia, he said the Australians were making a "lot more noise."

He urged businessmen in both countries "to capitalize on close ties and common history, despite looking in different directions," expressing the hope that he would soon see "tangible results".

Underlining the need for the single European market, due for completion in 1992, to promote open markets and avoid creation of a "Fortress Europe", Lord Young of Graffham said Australia and Britain could work together to pursue freer world trade on a broad front.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who goes to Australia next month on a trade-promoting mission, said Canberra now believed in the same principles as Britain, and was playing an important role in drawing attention to the damaging effect of agricultural subsidies.

Lord Young said the Government was determined not to allow 1992 to be used as an excuse for Europe to put up fresh barriers to trade, as this would eliminate the benefits of creating the internal EEC market. "We actually need a worldwide single market," he said.

Britain and Australia should meanwhile expand their bilateral trade and encourage further investment in each other's economies, turning to mutual advantage the identity of interest both had in international trade.

Mr Peter Morris, the Australian Minister for Transport, noted the reversal of traditional roles in two-way trade, with Australia, which formerly supplied commodities in return for manufactures, having established successful businesses in areas such as food processing, brewing, and publishing.

The effect was that Australian companies such as Fosters, TNT and Elders IXL were now household names in Britain, he said.

On the other hand, Australia was well placed on the western rim of the Pacific, the fastest growing area of the world, and could offer Britain good opportunities for investment. "We invite you to join forces with us — your investment is welcome."

Expansion plans by video chain

By Martin Waller

Videoshuttle, a private chain of video rental shops, has arranged a £500,000 cash injection by Alan Patricof Associates, the venture capital outfit, with another £1.5 million promised.

It is also embarking on an expansion programme with the help of one of Mrs Jennifer d'Abo's former right-hand men at Ryman, the stationery chain.

Mr Alexander Neel, the company's founder, is drawing on the services of Mr Charles Lumley-Ellis, who was in charge of Ryman's property development and acquisition programme until it was taken over by Mr Terry Maher's Pentos last year.

He has been seconded to Videoshuttle by Mrs d'Abo's investment company for a year to build up the chain, which is expected to grow from five outlets — the latest opened yesterday — to about 40 within three years.

Mr Neel, an entrepreneur whose interests include a number of restaurants, met Mrs d'Abo through his sister, Mrs Janet Cohen, who is a director of Charterhouse, the merchant bank, and a friend of the former Ryman chairman.

Dixons held back at £103m

Staying calm: Stanley Kalms (Photograph: James Morgan)

By Alexandra Jackson

Dixons, Britain's leading electrical retailer, is still suffering from the poor market conditions which held back pretax profits in the year to end-April at £103.1 million against £102.6 million in 1986-87.

The figures masked a 28 per cent fall in British retailing profits to £58.8 million as Silo, a recent US acquisition, made a maiden contribution of £16.8 million.

Mr Stanley Kalms, the chairman, said: "The first eight weeks of this year have been disappointing although there has been a slight pick-up since then.

"What happened last year was unique, but we have done what we can internally to improve the situation."

Lack of new products led to poor demand during the year, particularly during the Christmas season. This eroded group profit margins which fell from 9.2 per cent to 6.1 per cent and led to overstocking.

The group has now integrated the management structure of its Dixons and Currys stores in a move to reduce costs.

Group sales advanced from £1.1 billion to £1.7 billion. The dividend for the year was 8 per cent higher at 4.3p.

A cautious Mr Kalms said it was early days to predict the outcome for the current year.

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Brierley in £10m selloffs

New Zealand's Brierley Investments Ltd, run by Sir Ron Brierley, said it is selling its 60.5 per cent stake in Theseus Investments and a 62.5 per cent holding in Ebos Group.

BIL is selling the stakes to interests associated with Mr RT Martin, and will raise just over £10 million from the disposals.

BIL said it has sold its 17.09 million shares in Theseus for £5.43 million. It has also conditionally sold 1.3 million Ebos shares for £4.68 million.

Geest acquires flowers group

Geest, the food distributor, has bought W Newnes & Co, a Birmingham wholesaler of flowers and plants, for an undisclosed sum.

Newnes had a turnover of £4.4 million and profits before tax and partnership drawings of £246,000 in the year to February 23. Mr Walter Newnes, the company's founder, is retiring.

Dencora buys £4.6m offices

Dencora, the East Anglian property developer and investor, has paid £4.63 million for a modern 114,000 sq ft office block in Northampton, which is let to the Northamptonshire County Council at a rent of £378,000 a year.

The purchase forms part of the group's policy of increasing its provincial office investments.

Guinness may face 'vast' payout

Guinness gave a warning yesterday that a "who pays what?" dilemma was looming over the award of compensation — estimated as high as £100 million — which could be made to former Distillers shareholders who lost out in the £2.7 billion takeover battle for the Scottish drinks group.

Mr David Oliver QC, for Guinness, said in the Court of Appeal that the inadequacy of the City Takeover Panel's inquiry into the affair meant that, at the moment, there was no way of deciding whether the entire liability could justifiably be placed at the door of Guinness, which won control of Distillers, or whether others such as Cazenove, the stockbroker, Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, or Bank Leu, the Swiss bank, should share it.

Mr Oliver was opening a renewed Guinness attack on the Panel's ruling last September that the brewing company infringed the City code by becoming involved in a £76 million secret deal in Distillers shares at a critical stage of the takeover battle in April, 1986.

He asked Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lords Justices Lloyd and Woolf, to overrule a High Court decision that there was no procedural impropriety in the Panel's decision-making process.

Guinness claims the Panel acted unfairly and unlawfully in failing to adjourn its inquiry until after a Department of Trade and Industry investigation, which was able to unearth more of the facts, had taken place.

The Panel ruled there was no doubt on the evidence that a Lucerne-based company, Pipetec, bought 10.6 million Distillers shares for nearly £76 million while acting "in concert" with Guinness.

Mr Oliver said there was evidence, taken at face value, which could have led the Panel to that conclusion. But he questioned the "wisdom, safety and fairness" of using it against Guinness when key witnesses had not been available to give evidence. For example, the Panel did not take sufficient steps to ensure that witnesses from Bank Leu gave evidence, even though the bank had an office in London.

Mr Oliver accused the Panel of adopting unsafe procedures. He said one consequence of the Panel ruling was that Guinness might be required to pay out to former Distillers shareholders "absolutely vast" sums of money — estimated as high as £200 million, but put by Guinness at £100 million or possibly substantially less.

Guinness also faced "litigation on an enormous scale" with the Argyll Group, its main rival in the battle for Distillers. Mr Oliver said evidence from the Panel inquiry "leaves one absolutely clueless" as to who precisely was responsible for the alleged concert party.

At the moment there was no way of deciding whether the entirety of liability could justifiably be placed at Guinness's door. The hearing continues.

Lewis to spread his wings

Bid activity on the London Stock Exchange should be in for another fillip in September when Reginald Lewis, the ambitious American lawyer-turned-entrepreneur, moves from New York to Paris, to concentrate on expanding the international arm of his empire. Lewis, aged 45, who flew into London on Concorde on Tuesday night — and leaves for the Continent later today — tells me he is here "to get a feel for the UK marketplace, with an eye to future acquisitions". These could, he says, be "very significant" perhaps in the region of hundreds of millions of pounds. He is especially interested in the food sector and, to a lesser degree, financial services. "We like to identify managements that are successful and support them. We don't necessarily see ourselves as operators, but as a very active investor, with representation on the board." Money is clearly not a problem. In July last year he was behind the acquisition of Beatrice International, one of the world's biggest food companies, for almost $1 billion (£590 million). And he is now in talks to sell off various subsidiaries, including Callard & Bowser — in which both Cadbury and United Biscuits have expressed an interest — and Beatrice Poultry, the fourth-largest poultry firm in Britain. "We are considering a management buyout of the poultry business," he tells me, "but with us keeping a very significant interest."

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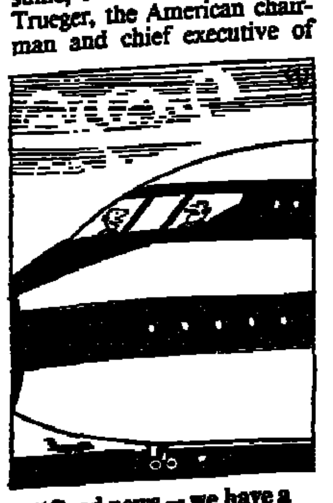
Loss for Hoare Govett

The exodus from the stockbroker Hoare Govett continues apace. Peter Deighton, one of the firm's stalwarts, has, I hear, resigned. Deighton, aged 45, and a director of research in charge of engineering stocks — he was ranked second in that sector in the latest *Institutional Investor* survey — had been at Hoare Govett for 19 years. But, as of next month, he will be switching to Morgan Grenfell Securities, again as a director of research, specializing in engineering.

Hon board

The appointment of the Hon Kevin Pakenham, aged 40, and son of the Earl of Longford, as chief executive of John Govett, the fund management house, has, I hear, dislodged the Hon Dwight Makins, aged 37, the second son of Baron Sherfield, from the position. Might on assume, I wonder, that Arthur Trueger, the American chairman and chief executive of Berkeley Govett, John Govett's parent company, is, in common with so many of his fellow countrymen, impressed by titles?


"Good news — we have a take-off slot in 1992"

Tree for two

The suggestion that Premier Consolidated should call its first oil discovery Acorn was made by the German wife of the company's ebullient chairman, Roland Shaw. "Aha," Shaw said. "You must be referring to our old English proverb: 'From tiny acorns do mighty oak trees grow'." "No," his wife, Felicitas, retorted, "it is in fact an old German proverb: 'Even a blind pig finds an acorn every now and again'."

● **Harrods used to make the proud boast that it could provide anything from an elephant to a pin. But it had to send one American away empty-handed the other day. After scrabbling through the drawers of socks on offer in Harrods' sale, he was overheard to ask an assistant: "Don't you sell any Marks and Spencer socks here?"**

The ties that bind

The chairman of a publicly quoted company was spotted entering the Soviet Embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens one day last week, for a meeting with the Cultural Attaché. The man, who closely fitted the description of one Roy Bishko, the founder of Tie Rack, was apparently involved in detailed discussions for many minutes. But before he acquires an MI5 tail, I should point out that barely an hour later he was also spied knocking on the door of the United States Embassy in Grosvenor Square. And further investigations reveal that his mission was nothing more sinister than the delivery of two hand-painted silk ties, depicting a Russian and American flag and a dove of peace, and destined eventually to be worn by Messrs Reagan and Gorbachov. Once worn, they will be returned to Bishko in time for an auction of ties at Bonham's in October in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. "We're hoping to raise £250,000," says Bishko, who has already received donations of ties once worn by the late Earl Mountbatten and Lord Stockton, after whom the fund is named, King Husain of Jordan, former US president Gerald Ford, Terry Wogan, Sir Alec Guinness, Steve Davis and Larry Hagman — who has also offered to act as auctioneer. Replicas of the two peace ties will also go on sale in Tie Rack outlets, with royalties going to Cancer Relief.

Carol Leonard

COMMENT David Brewerton

The Professor parks his tanks on Young's lawn

Deal-a-day-David, otherwise known as Lord Young of Graffham, has met his match in Professor Roland Smith, chairman of British Aerospace. The deal of the decade has turned into the débâcle of the day, if not the mess-up of the month.

At first sight, the Professor's lunchtime decision that the new terms dictated by the European Commission were unpalatable appears little more than sheer brinkmanship, and so it may be. On the other hand, it is more than likely that British Aerospace is doing no more than protect its shareholders' interests by looking at the implications of all the fine print in the contract to which Lord Young appended his seal of office yesterday. Due diligence, in other words.

The differences may, as Kenneth Clarke assured the House of Commons, be "not particularly important or material," but the change in the basis of the deal from that originally agreed is substantial. Instead of the agreed £800 million, the Rover dowry is cut by £331 million to £469 million, or £547 million including regional aid, although there are relaxations in the ceilings of tax losses which can be offset against future profits.

In anyone's language, £331 million is a great deal of money, and it makes little difference to British Aerospace whether the change is the result of tough dealing by Mr Peter Sutherland, the EEC competition commissioner, or by Lord Young. British Aerospace would need to make a great many pairs of airbus wings or Rover a multitude of Maestros to make up the gap. But since those amounts have not changed for more than a week, and Lord Young yesterday morning believed he still had a deal, some other spider must have crawled from the bunch to frighten the Professor away.

The new numbers agreed with Brussels still stack up to a fancy deal for British Aerospace. Rover's results for the first half-year are at the top end of expectations, and suggest the car group is set for profits of £70 million this year. On that basis, the purchase price of £150 million is a princely 2.1 times earnings, the sort of rating that would make even Lord Hanson's best deal look sloppy. On such a rating, the Professor should be able to accept a bit of debt in the balance sheet, or at least be prepared to provide some working capital. Needless to say, British Aerospace earnings per share would be substantially enhanced.

But even the best deal, financially, is not necessarily attractive if the buyer does not have need of the goods. Since the deal was concocted over cocktails, not only has Rover returned to profit but also British Aerospace has fattened up its order book and is in less need of a short-term boost to profitability. The Professor may now be looking at the long-term commitment that Rover requires, not least in the development of new models, and wondering why he wanted to get into the car business at all.

RHM on takeover menu

The City is desperately hungry for takeover bids after relishing the juicy taste of Rowntree. Goodman Fielder Wattie was the hero yesterday for serving up Ranks Hovis McDougall as the next course.

This was hardly a surprise. The run-up of RHM shares as Goodman trawled round for money may have forced its hand — but surely not by much. The cost of carrying almost 30 per cent of the shares of a bigger company is a strong spur to action.

The hunting of RHM may, however, not prove quite so rewarding as Rowntree. After consulting the Takeover Panel, Goodman has committed itself to not increasing its putative bid much beyond the current share price in the absence of a rival offer.

Given Goodman's strong lead, potential rivals more acceptable to Ranks may choose to wait and to see if RHM's Sir Peter Reynolds can successfully defend against the bid. On BZW's forecast of £150 million profit for the year just ending, this would value RHM at a little above 17 times earnings. That is possible for a company with a good recent record. But, if rivals play a waiting game, the real calculation for institutions will be whether it is worth holding out in the hope that Goodman will sell its stake on if it fails.

In that sense, there is already only a modest chance of RHM remaining independent. This will not attract quite the same emotion as Rowntree since RHM was itself cast as the big, bad aggressor quite recently in its takeover of Avana — a move that, along with the October crash, has failed to deter the Antipodeans.

An easy victory for the aggressor would, however, be a pity since it would merely encourage the City to build up the next food-sector deal for any foreign company prepared to pay the price. Indeed, the institutions much prefer foreign bidders since they offer cash and there is no downside for shares in another British company.

The post-Rowntree rush for brands has already put several names in the frame. BZW's Robert Brand prefers the neglected United Biscuits, selling at a more modest 12 times earnings. UB's Sir Hector Laing signalled the need for greater size in his abortive merger with Imperial. But any aggressor would face a ferocious fight so long as Sir Hector remains at the helm. But the City would much prefer companies such as UB to be taken over than to do any bidding themselves.

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Dow up 5 points in early trading

New York (Reuter) — Share prices rose in early trading yesterday on futures-related buy programs. However, the programs died out fairly quickly and the market levelled off. Some brokers also reported bargain-hunting after Tuesday's losses.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 5 points higher at 2,097.64 after rising to 2,101.00. Rising issues had a small lead over declining shares.

The Dow average fell by 18.67 to 2,092.64 on Tuesday.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei Dow index lost 79.74 points, or 0.28 per cent, to 28,020.10 after falling to a morning low of 27,909.15.

It rose by 113.85 points on Tuesday. Volume was 2 billion shares.

Share prices closed lower in active trading on concern about the release tomorrow of the US trade figures for May.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index fell by 27.68 points, or 1 per cent, to 2,744.85 after a 35-point loss in the morning. The broader-based Hong Kong index shed 17.28 points to 1,815.21.

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	Jul 12	Jul 11		Jul 12	Jul 11		Jul 12	Jul 11
AMR Cp	47	47⅜	Fedders	10⅞	10⅜	Pennzoil	73⅝	73⅜
ASA	41⅝	42	Fst Chicago	31⅝	31¼	Pepsico	35⅞	36
Aetna Life	44⅞	44⅝	Fst Int Bncp	51⅝	51⅜	Pfizer	50½	50⅝
Allied Signal	35⅜	35⅝	Fst Penn C	10⅝	10⅞	Phelps Dod	42	41⅞
Allis Chlm	16	⅞	FT Wachva	38⅞	39⅜	Philip Mor	88½	86⅝
Alcoa	51¼	53⅛	Ford Motor	51½	52⅞	Philip Ptrl	15⅞	16
Amax Inc	22⅝	22⅝	GAF Cp	44¾	45⅜	Pillsbury	34⅜	34½
AMR Hess	27⅝	27⅝	GTE Cp	38¼	38⅜	Polaroid	31⅞	29⅝
Am Brands	50	50⅜	Gen Cp	18⅞	18⅜	Primerica	26	26⅝
Am Cynmd	51¼	52	Gn Dynam	52⅝	53¼	Proct Gble	74⅝	75⅜
Am Ele Pwr	27⅞	28	Gen Electric	42½	43⅜	Pub S E G	22⅝	23⅝
Amexs	26⅝	27⅝	Gen Inst	35¼	35⅝	R Nabisco	51⅞	50
Am Family	12⅞	13⅛	Gen Mills	45⅝	45¼	Raytheon	64⅜	65⅝
Am Home	72⅞	73	Gen Motors	78⅞	77⅞	Rynlds Met	50⅝	51⅝
Am Int Grp	57¼	58⅝	Gen Pub Ut	34⅝	35	Rockwell Int	20⅝	21
Am Stand	n.a	n.a	Genesco	4⅝	4⅞	Royal Dutch	109⅝	110⅝
Am Telph	26⅛	26¼	Georgia Pac	40⅝	41⅝	SFE Sopac	18⅜	19
Amoco Cp	73⅝	74⅝	Gillette	38¼	39⅞	Sara Lee	36½	36⅝
Anheuser B	30⅛	30⅜	Goodrich	52	53½	Schlumb	33⅞	33⅞
Armco Steel	10½	10⅜	Goodyear	61⅝	61⅜	Scott Paper	39¼	39⅝
Asarco Inc	25⅝	26⅜	Gould Inc	15⅞	16⅛	Seagram	56¼	57
Ashland Oil	74½	72⅝	Grace Co	25¼	25⅝	Sears Roeb	36⅞	36⅜
Atl Richfld	80⅝	80⅞	Grt Atl Pac	38½	38½	Shell Trans	71	71⅞
Avon Prod	25⅛	25⅝	Greyhnd	29½	29⅝	Smith Beck	45⅜	45⅝
Bk Boston	27	27⅛	Gruman	22⅞	22⅜	Sony Cp	40⅞	40⅝
Bank NY	34⅛	34	Gulf Westn	43	43⅝	Sth Cal Edi	n.a	n.a
Bankamer	13⅞	13⅝	Heinz	41⅜	41¼	SW Bell	37¼	38⅝
Bnkrs Tst NY	35½	36	Hercules	47⅝	46⅞	Squibb	62	63⅜
Baxter	19⅝	20	Hewlett Pk	53⅛	53⅜	Stevens JP	n.a	n.a
Beth Steel	23⅛	23⅞	Honeywell	68⅝	69¼	Sun Comp	57⅞	59⅜
Boeing	58⅝	59	IC Ind	34⅝	33⅝	TRW Inc	47⅞	47½
Boise Casc	45⅛	45⅝	ITT Cp	52⅝	52½	Teledyne	330½	334¼
Borden	52⅛	52⅝	INCO	33¼	34⅝	Tenneco	47⅝	48⅛
Brstl Meyr	39⅜	39⅜	Ing Rand Wi	41⅝	41⅞	Texaco	46⅝	46⅞
BP	53½	54⅛	Inland Steel	35⅞	35⅝	Tex Eastn	26	26⅜
Brunswick	20⅞	21⅛	IBM	124⅜	126⅛	Texas Inst	45½	46⅝
Burl Nth	66⅛	67⅝	Int Paper	47⅛	46⅛	Tex Utl	27⅜	27½
CBS	157⅜	159	Irving Bk	70⅜	71⅜	Textron	24⅞	24⅞
CMS Engy	21⅜	21⅜	Jhsn & Jhsn	78	78⅝	Travelers	36⅜	36⅝
CPC Int	44⅞	45⅜	K Mart	34½	35⅜	UAL Cp	95¼	97
CSX Cp	27¾	28⅛	Kaisertech	17⅞	17⅞	USG	49⅝	49¼
Camp Soup	24⅛	24⅜	Kerr McGee	33⅝	34	USX Cp	30½	31⅝
Can Pacific	18⅝	19⅛	Kimbrly Clrk	61	63¼	Unilever Plc	32⅞	32⅝
Caterpillar	64¾	66½	Kraft	51⅜	51⅜	Un Carbide	22⅝	22⅝
Centrl SW	31¾	31½	Kroger	33½	34½	Un Pac Cp	63	63
Champion	35⅜	36	LTV Cp	3½	3⅜	Unisys Cp	35½	35⅜
Chase Man	28½	29⅝	Litton	76⅝	78⅜	Unit Brand	17⅜	17⅜
Chem Bank	29⅜	29⅜	Lockheed	43⅛	43⅝	Us West	55½	55⅝
Chevron	45⅝	45⅞	Lucky Str	n.a	n.a	Utd Tech	36⅞	37¼
Chrysler	23⅞	23¼	Man H'nver	28	28⅜	Unocal	36⅝	35⅜
Citicorp	23½	24⅜	Manville	1⅞	1⅝	Warn Lamb	68¼	68⅜
Clark Eq	33⅛	34⅝	Mapco	58	57⅜	Wells Far	58½	58⅜
Coca Cola	36⅜	37⅜	Marriott	28⅝	29⅜	Westg El	54¼	55⅛
Colgate	42⅞	43¼	Mt Marrieta	43¼	44⅜	Weyershr	25⅝	26⅝
Columb Gas	32	32⅞	Masco	27⅜	28⅜	Whirlpool	27⅛	28¼
Cmb tn Eng	33⅞	35⅛	Mcdonalds	46½	45⅝	Woolworth	50	50⅜
Cmwlth Edi	27¾	27⅛	McDonnell	64⅛	64¼	Xerox Cp	54⅛	54⅞
Cons Edis	43⅝	43½	Mead Cp	36⅛	35⅝	Zenith	26⅞	26⅝
Consol Ng	35⅛	35⅜	Merck	54¼	54⅝			
Cont Data	25⅛	25⅜	Minsta Mng	63⅝	64	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	58⅛	59	Mobil	43¼	44			
Crane	30⅞	30⅞	Monsanto	88½	89⅞	Agnico Eag	17⅛	17⅝
Curtiss W	51⅛	51½	Montedison	13⅛	13⅜	Alcan Alum	38¼	39
Data Genl	23¼	23⅝	Morgan Jp	36⅝	37⅞	Algoma Stl	22.75	22.50
Deere Co	43⅜	44⅜	Motorola	51	50⅞	Can Pacific	22⅞	23
Delta Airl	52⅛	52⅞	NCR	62⅞	63¼	Cominco	21⅜	22
Detroit Edi	14⅛	14½	NL Indstrs	6⅝	6⅝	Con Bathrst	16⅝	16⅜
Digital Eq	109	112⅜	Nat Md Ent	23⅜	23⅛	Hawk S Can	25	25
Disney	61½	62⅝	Nat Semi	11⅝	11⅝	Hud Bay M	19	19¼
Dow Chem	87⅞	88⅜	Norfolk Sth	27⅜	27⅝	Imasco	26⅞	27⅝
Dressr Ind	30⅛	29⅞	NW Bancrp	30¼	30⅝	Imperial Oil	55⅝	56
Dupont	88	89½	Occid Petl	26	26	Inco	40⅝	42⅛
Duke Pwr	44⅞	45¼	Ogden Cp	26½	27¼	Royl Trstco	16⅛	16⅜
East Kodak	44	44⅝	Olin Cp	46⅞	47⅞	Seagram	68⅝	68⅜
Eaton Cp	80¾	82	PPG Ind	45⅛	44⅞	Shelco 'A'	26	26⅛
Emerson El	30⅛	30⅜	Pac Enterp	46⅞	47	Thmsn N 'A'	28	28
Emery Air	5	4⅞	Pac Gas El	16	15⅜	Varity Cp	4.00	4.05
Exxon	44⅜	44⅞	Pan Am	2½	2⅝	WCT	16⅝	16⅝
Farah Inc	9	9	Penney JC	49⅛	49⅝	Weston	33⅛	34⅛

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Mr P. J. Rowlinson Chairman, reports on the year ended 31st March, 1988

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☆ Market buoyant and expecting another good year

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STOCK MARKET

US court boost for tobacco groups

The world's big tobacco producers have been in a celebratory mood this week after one of the many liability cases in the United States' courts took a surprise turn.

Philip Morris, the US group which is the world's biggest tobacco producer, was recently successfully sued by the relatives of a cancer victim who claimed that the company must bear some of the responsibility. But this week it emerged that the awards handed out by the courts failed to cover the families' legal costs. The tobacco companies are now confident that this will deter other litigants from taking a similar course of action.

As one leading broker in London last night pointed out: "It makes the cost of pursuing such action prohibitive."

On Monday night on Wall Street, the shares of both Philip Morris and its biggest rival, **RJR Nabisco**, scored sizeable gains in a falling market with Morris up $1⅛ at $86½ and RJR closing $1 firmer at $50.

In London yesterday, the shares of **BAT Industries** also greeted the news with a rise of 5p to 429p as almost 2 million shares changed hands. BAT is an important participant in the US, holding 11 per cent of the market through its Brown and Williamson subsidiary.

Elsewhere, the equity market gave a resilient performance, shrugging off the overnight decline on Wall Street and worries about tomorrow's US trade figures. Most of the buying interest centred around those companies reporting trading statements or takeover situations, either actual or rumoured. Sentiment in general was also given a boost by an opening gain on Wall Street and by the subsequent closing of some fairly hefty bear positions.

Also keeping dealers' chins up was talk that a corporate deal was in the offing. Many dealers are hoping that a big bid does materialize in order to keep interest alive during the next six weeks or so, which takes in the height of the holiday season.

The FT-SE 100 share index moved forward slowly to close 12.8 points higher at 1,871.3, while the narrower FT 30 share index closed 6.5 points up at 1,500.8.

Gilt-edged stocks closed with improvements ranging to £¼, helped by the pound's steady performance on foreign exchange market.

Shares of **British Aerospace** were suspended at 470p, while awaiting details of the proposed acquisition of the Rover Group, the state-owned car maker. There had been fears in the market that the European Commission was ready to block the deal after raising objections to the amount of Rover debt that the Government was prepared to write off.

Bid hopes boosted
Unitech, the electronics components group, 8p to 256p for a two-day gain of 20p. There have been some big buyers of the shares, including some from overseas. Potential suitors include the rival Peek, which has been building up its components side.

It emerged that the European Commission was asking for a reduction of £331 million in the £800 million debt write-off originally agreed between BAe and the British Government. But the deal remained in the balance last night as Professor Roland Smith, the BAe chairman, sought clarification of the EC statement.

Rover, which was suspended a few weeks ago at 74p, announced a return to the black at the interim stage with pre-tax profits of £28 million against a £10 million loss last time. Turnover was up from £1.52 billion to £1.55 billion.

Also suspended were the shares of the **Dwek Group**, the mini-industrial conglomerate, which was floated off last year at 105p. The shares were frozen at 131p. We should hear details soon of a management buyout. the word is the controlling led by Mr Leon Dwek, the joint managing director, is about to offer 150p a share to other shareholders, putting a price-tag on the group of £26 million.

Alarm bells were ringing in the merchant banking sector when the shares of **Morgan Grenfell** leapt to 320p in late trading at one stage on talk that a big stake in the group had changed hands and that a bid is on the way.

The shares eventually closed 20p higher at 315p with dealers putting their money on a bid coming soon from the Union Bank of Switzerland, which already owns the top stockbroker Phillips & Drew and which last year tried to take over Hill Samuel — only to be outbid by TSB.

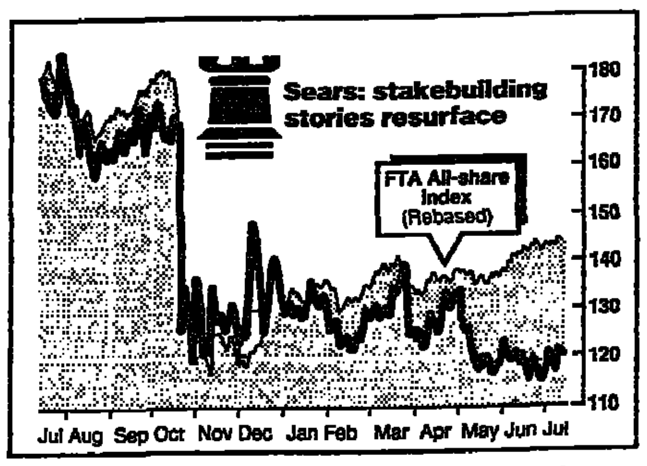
Willis Faber, the Lloyd's broker, denied yet again that it had sold its 21 per cent stake in Morgan Grenfell. Mr Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, is another big shareholder in Morgan Grenfell and holds 8 per cent.

Sears, the retailing group whose empire straddles Selfridges, the British Shoe Corporation, Freemans, Olympus and Mappin & Webb, held the spotlight in a firm stores sector, closing 10p higher at 130p as more than 13 million shares changed hands.

Stake-building stories were rife. Word went round the market that Coles Myer, the large Australian group, is raising the finance to acquire a strategic stake in the company before launching a full-scale offer. Some dealers were suggesting that Coles Myer had already negotiated with the Fayed brothers to buy their 10 per cent stake in Sears.

The old story that the Fayed brothers were lining up a bid in order to get their hands on Selfridges also galvanized speculators into action. But a lot of the early buying was started off by Hoare Govett, the broker, bidding 12.5p for 1,000 Sears' December 120 call contracts in the Traded Options market.

Sears has long been seen as a possible victim of a break-up bid and dealers of late have been thinking along the lines of a bid in excess of 150p per share.



Ratners, the fast-expanding retail jewellery group which recently opened its 1,000th store on the corner of Piccadilly Circus in London, advanced by 10p to 258p.

Buyers decided to get the shares on board ahead of next week's ADR (American Depository Receipt) listing in New York and the extensive US roadshow which follows.

The roadshow gets underway in New York on Tuesday when Ratners holds a presentation lunch with Prudential Bache, the US broker to the ADR issue, and then continues to Boston on Wednesday, Minneapolis on Thursday and ends in Los Angeles on Friday.

STC, which has been outperforming the rest of the market, advanced a further 6p to 296p. The group has brought forward its figures by a week to July 25. The market hopes that this means there is good news on the way. Profits are expected to soar from £188 million to £230 million.

Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, a firm market this week on talk that the group had entered into discussions with Best Denki, a Japanese electrical retailer, with a view to a joint trading agreement, rose 7p more to 185p.

Investors chased the shares higher on hearing that some analysts believe that Dixons is a classic recovery stock.

Mr Zak Keshavjee, an analyst at SBCI Savory Milln, believes that Dixons is a "strong buy" and has upgraded his pre-tax profits forecast for the current year from £120 million to £130 million and from £150 million to £160 million for next year.

Marks and Spencer, the jewel in the high street's crown, improved 3p to 176p ahead of today's annual meeting. The market is hoping for bullish news on first-quarter trading from Lord Rayner, the chairman.

Storehouse, the British Home Stores, Habitat Mothercare and Heal's group run by Sir Terence Conran, attracted a late speculative flurry and touched 246p before closing 6p higher at 244p with more than 5 million shares changing hands.

Dealers feel that the shares are due to go higher and are confident that takeover speculation will shortly resurface because Mountleigh, Mr Tony Clegg's property group, which retained a small stake in Storehouse after failing with a 435p per share offer last year, is free to try again next month.

Christies International, the fine art auctioneers, jumped 26p to 570p amid revived takeover chatter. Speculators chased the shares higher on talk that Phillips, the much smaller rival auction house, which already holds a 5 per cent stake in the company, is lining up a full-scale offer.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

US BONDS

Rising interest rates dampen spirits

Inflation forecasts have been hit again by the big drop in commodity prices futures and the weakness of oil and precious metals prices.

Widespread speculation about an early rise in the US prime rate has also weakened the inflation case, by arousing new fears that rises in short-term interest rates will penalize any long commodity positions.

But this week's fall of oil prices and the sudden weakening of gold, silver and copper prices have failed to ignite confidence in stocks or bonds.

At other times, falls in commodities of the dimensions we have had this week would have set the financial markets roaring. Nothing of the sort has happened.

Rain in the grain-growing areas has now greatly reduced the fears of shortages of corn and of soyabeans, whose futures prices have taken a knock.

This, together with the weakness of oil and of metals prices, has driven the Commodity Research Bureau index of commodity futures prices right back down to nearly 250, way off the recent peak of 272.

This is exactly the sort of environment that stock and bond bears have said they ardently desired. But confronted with the reality they have dreamed of, they have shrugged it off.

Some believe the explanation of the negative reaction to what would at other times have been very good news is the worldwide rise of interest rates — and the prospect of more rises to come.

The increase in British base rates to 10 per cent and the widely discussed prospect of still more rises have been seen, along with the increases in rates produced by the Bundesbank, as creating a new high barrier over which economic expansion will be unable to climb. The rise of the dollar in recent weeks has been seen as indicating a global dollar surplus, which is having the effect of starving the global system of the additional cash infusions which flowed from the enormous excess supplies of dollars that occurred in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

Now that the reserve currency is rising in value, the flood of new cash into the global system has been stopped.

The flattening of the yield curve around the world is seen as an indicator of an interest rate environment that is definitely not friendly.

As the dollar has recovered strength and attraction, the net result has been to raise the whole level of global interest rates and sharply to diminish the slope of the yield curve.

Hence, the extraordinary attention being given to Japanese policy.

It is argued that if the Japanese are willing to allow the yen to continue to fall — perhaps to Y160 to the dollar this year — then the global system may be able to continue modest economic expansion, without the continuing big injection of new cash from the US overall balance of payments deficit.

Maxwell Newton
New York

Polaroid's challenge to Kodak and Fuji

New York (NY Times News Service) — Polaroid, in an acknowledgement of the declining popularity of the instant photography market it pioneered, has said it will take on Eastman Kodak and Fuji Photo Film in the $7 billion (£4.13 billion) world market for conventional colour film.

Polaroid announced the move as part of a restructuring plan, which analysts see as an attempt by the Cambridge, Massachusetts, company to make itself less vulnerable to a possible takeover attempt.

The plan includes the elimination of at least 500 jobs, the consolidation of operations, a cutback in the company's research and development programme and a $300 million stock repurchase.

Analysts predicted that Polaroid would capture at least 10 per cent of the domestic market for conventional film within two years of its introduction because of its established brand name and distribution network.

"Polaroid is a very well-established brand name in the United States and on a worldwide basis," Mr Eugene G Glazer, an analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds, said.

"They do not have to convince anyone looking for film that their product is quality."

Analysts said they expected Polaroid's gains in conventional film to come at the expense of both Kodak and the Japanese company Fuji.

Kodak has 80 per cent of the US market and 60 per cent of the world market, while Fuji has 10 per cent in the US and 15 per cent worldwide.

The new competition from Polaroid will not necessarily cause a price war that would result in lower film prices for American consumers, analysts said.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	390	40	55	63	1	5	9
(*430)	420	14	34	43	4	15	21
	460	1½	14	22	35	38	42
Bass	800	13	42	57	17	30	45
(*796)	850	2	20	33	60	65	75
	900	½	8	18	110	110	115
Brit Air	140	12	20	23	1	4	7
(*150)	160	1½	8	12	11	14	18
	180	½	2½	6	31	31	33
Brit Com	260	15	30	35	4	9	13
(*270)	280	5½	15	23	14	18	23
	300	2½	7	15	32	35	38
Brit Gas	170	15	17	–	1	3½	–
(*185)	180	6	9½	16½	1¼	7½	10½
	200	¾	3	7	17	23	23½
BP	240	24	28	34	1	4	7½
(*261)	260	5½	13	22	4	12½	15½
	280	1	6½	13	20	24	27
Cons Gold	1000	70	105	140	6	42	54
(*1053)	1050	30	–	–	23	–	–
	1100	10	57	80	60	95	110
Courtauld	300	41	52	–	1	5	–
(*337)	330	14	31	40	6	14	20
	360	3	16	26	27	32	38
	390	1	8	17	55	55	60
Com Union	360	24	33	48	4	15	18
(*378)	390	7	18	34	18	27	31
	420	2	11	22	44	50	52
C & W	300	70	80	85	1	2	6
(*368)	330	40	55	60	1	7	12
	360	14	33	40	4	15	23
	390	2	15	28	25	35	43
GEC	140	23	24	27	½	2	4½
(*162)	160	4	9	13	2	9	12
	180	¾	3	6½	19	24	28
GKN	280	54	61	67	1	4	7
(*332)	300	34	42	51	1½	8	12
	330	9	23	33	6	18	24
Grand Met	420	82	87	–	1	1½	–
(*499)	460	42	52	65	1	7	11
	500	9	25	40	9	22	25
	550	1	9	18	53	57	58
ICI	900	185	187	208	½	3	7
(*1078)	950	135	142	165	½	8	14
	1000	85	97	125	1	18	25
	1100	9	40	67	32	62	70
Jaguar	240	62	65	72	½	2	4
(*300)	260	42	48	57	1	4	10
	280	22	33	43	2	11	18
	300	9	23	32	10	20	26
Land Sec	500	78	90	100	1	4	9
(*572)	550	30	50	60	3	15	20
	600	3	23	35	30	35	42
M & S	160	15	21	25	1	4	6
(*174)	180	2	8½	12	9	12	13
	200	½	4	6	27	28	30
R-Royce	120	26	29	31	½	2	3½
(*144)	130	16	20	24	1	4½	6½
	140	7½	14	19	3	7½	10
STC	240	58	61	70	½	2	5
(*296)	260	38	44	52	¾	4	9
	280	20	31	38	2½	10	15
Sainsbury	200	28	33	37	½	3	4
(*226)	220	9	17	24	2½	7	9
	240	1	8	13	16	17	20
	260	½	3	7	35	35	38
Shell	1000	54	80	–	3½	25	–
(*1046)	1050	15	–	–	19	–	–
	1100	3	27	47	60	77	87
Storehse	240	6	21	29	6	16	22
(*239)	260	1	13	20	24	33	35
	280	1	8	14	44	45	46
Trafalgar	300	13	25	28	3	12	20
(*305)	330	2	10	16	27	30	35
	360	1	4	7	57	57	60
TSB	90	21	23	25	¼	1½	2½
(*110)	100	11	13	16	½	3½	4
	110	2	7	9	2½	7	9
Ultramar	280	20	35	48	6	19	26
(*293)	300	7	25	38	14	31	37
	330	2	14	25	40	53	55
Woolworth	260	25	35	43	1	6	9
(*282)	280	8	20	30	6	15	17
	300	1	10	22	22	25	28

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad	180	40	46	53	2½	4	7
(*214)	200	24	30	39	6	8	13
	220	12	20	27	15	18	20
Barclays	380	65	70	–	3	4	–
(*420)	395	35	43	–	11	16	–
	429	14	28	–	27	33	–
Beecham	420	62	71	79	2	7	10
(*472)	450	31	40	52	12	19	22
	500	10½	20	31	34	40	43
Boots	200	33	38	46	3	6	8
(*226)	220	18	25	33	9	14	18
	240	7½	16	22	19	24	28
BTR	260	29	34	42	4½	7	9
(*282)	280	16	21	31	13	15	18
	300	6¼	13	20	25	28	31
Blue Circ	390	68	82	93	3	6	10
(*452)	420	45	60	73	10	16	22
	460	24	40	50	25	33	37
	500	10	25	30	52	60	60
Dixons	160	27	33	38	2	5	8
(*184)	180	13	19	26	8	12	17
	200	5	11	16	22	25	28

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Glaxo	900	125	138	163	8	20	28
(*1000)	950	88	105	130	19	35	43
	1000	55	74	100	37	56	65
	1100	19	35	–	105	115	–
Hanson	120	25	28	–	½	1½	–
(*143)	130	16	19	21	1½	3½	4½
	140	9	12	14½	4½	7½	9
	160	2	4½	6½	18	20	21
Hawker	460	85	95	103	4	6	13
(*553)	500	53	62	77	10	17	27
	550	20	35	50	32	40	48
Hillsdown	260	32	37	43	2½	5	7
(*282)	280	17	24	30	8	10	12
	300	7	12	18	19	22	25
Lonrho	223	33	38	–	2	5	–
(*252)	240	19	25	31	6	9	13
	260	9	16	20	15	20	24
Midland	390	60	67	–	4	9	–
(*442)	420	35	45	55	15	20	30
	460	12	25	33	36	40	50
Sears	110	20	23	27	1½	3½	4½
(*126)	120	12½	15½	20	4	6½	8½
	130	6½	11	15	8	12	14
Tesco	140	13	16	21	5	5	7
(*146)	160	4	7	10	18	18	21
	180	1	3	4	37	39	40
Thorn EMI	550	102	115	–	3	7	–
(*635)	600	54	72	82	6	15	22
	650	21	43	60	25	34	42
	700	6	15	32	62	64	77
THF	220	42	49	52	1	2½	5½
(*258)	240	26	33	37	4	7	11
	260	13½	21	24	12	16	19
Unilever	420	63	72	–	3	7½	–
(*470)	450	32	42	52	12	20	24
	500	13	23	32	37	42	47
Wellcome	500	50	65	83	14	25	32
(*526)	550	23	39	55	40	48	53
	600	9	22	37	79	85	88

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA	265	15	29	–	3½	9	–
(*276)	280	6	19	27	10	15	18
	300	1½	10	18	26	28	30
Brit Aero	380	83	90	105	1½	7	13
(*470)	420	57	68	85	3	13	20
	460	24	44	60	13	27	38
	500	9	24	40	38	51	60
BAT Ind	390	44	53	63	1½	8	12
(*429)	420	19	32	45	8	19	24
	460	4	16	25	35	42	45
	500	1	7	–	73	75	–
Brit Tele	220	35	39	42	1	3½	7
(*254)	240	15	23	28	4	10	14
	260	4	10½	18	17	19	23
Cadbury	330	71	83	95	2	7	11
(*398)	360	46	60	73	4	15	19
	390	18	41	55	9	28	32
	420	6	27	40	28	43	48
Guinness	280	67	73	80	1	1½	4
(*344)	300	48	55	63	1½	4	8
	330	22	33	43	5	12	18
	360	5	17	27	23	28	33
Ladbroke	390	46	53	65	1½	9	11
(*431)	420	20	33	45	7	18	22
	460	4	15	25	33	40	43
LASMO	390	67	85	98	1½	12	18
(*452)	420	42	65	77	8	20	26
	460	17	40	53	24	40	47
	500	6	23	38	52	65	70
Pilkington	180	33	38	43	1	2	5
(*209)	200	14	25	30	3½	8	13
	220	5	14	20	16	20	23
	240	1½	7	10	33	35	40
Plessey	140	29	34	38	1	2½	4
(*167)	160	12	19	24	4½	8	12
	180	3	10	14	17	20	25
P & O	500	82	87	104	3	5	13
(*575)	550	37	47	72	5	15	25
	600	7	23	42	32	42	54
Prudential	160	12	18	21	2	6	7
(*169)	170	4	10	–	5	10	–
	180	2	7	11	13	16	19
Racal	300	41	53	62	1½	6	11
(*339)	330	18	33	42	6	16	23
	360	6	17	27	27	32	38
RTZ	350	73	83	93	2	3½	7
(*426)	390	45	57	67	4	10	15
	420	23	38	47	12	25	32
	460	6	20	30	40	45	52
Vaal Reefs	80	11	13	17	2½	7	9
(*$86)	90	3	6½	10	8	12	15
	100	¾	3	4	16	20	23
Tr 12%	110	9/16	11/16	29/32	1½	1⅞	2 7/16
1995	112	3/32	¼	11/32	3 3/16	3½	3½
(*109)	114	1/16	⅛	3/16	5 9/32	5¼	5 9/16
	116	1/16	1/16	3/32	7½	7¼	7½

FT-SE INDEX (*1869)

Series	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
1700	173	175	180	185	2	6	11	16
1750	121	127	138	145	4	11	20	26
1800	73	87	97	110	7	21	30	40
1850	29	50	63	75	19	37	50	60
1900	9	26	40	52	48	65	77	85
1950	2	12	22	33	92	102	110	118
2000	1	5	13	20	140	145	150	155

July 13, 1988 Total: 23020 Calls 18184 Puts 5836 FT-SE: Calls 1645 Puts 1235
*Underlying security price.

Study calls for new initiative to ease Latin American debt

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Toronto summit agreement on easing the debt problems of sub-Saharan Africa should now be followed up with an initiative on the middle-income debtor countries of Latin America, a book out this week says.

The key to this approach, it says, is "equitable but different" treatment of the problems of different countries with differing circumstances.

The book, *Managing World Debt*, edited by Dr Stephany Griffith-Jones, a Reader at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, is critical of the approach to Latin American debt since 1982.

The book says the deals on debt and adjustment between Latin American debtors and their creditors have been unsatisfactory in that they have curbed growth in the countries, thereby limiting their future ability to service debt. Since 1982, there has been a large transfer of resources from debtor countries to their creditors.

Dr Griffith-Jones says that it is now necessary for the debtor countries to appeal to interests beyond those of the banks in order to find a route out of their present difficulties.

Japan's initiative at the Toronto summit, when it proposed debt relief for middle-income countries, was partly based on the belief that, when the debt problems of the Latin American countries eased, they would provide better export markets. Dr Griffith-Jones observes, however, that this argument has not advanced very far in Britain, as only 3 per cent of Britain's exports are to the region, compared with about 20 per cent of debt owed.

The case-by-case approach to debt, which the industrialized countries have been pursuing for a number of years, suffers because negotiators have been forced to settle on "lowest common denominators". The book argues that a better approach would be for the middle-income debtor countries to receive broadly similar concessions, granted through different mechanisms.

This "equitable but different" approach has been "brilliantly applied" to the very poor countries of sub-Saharan Africa, it says, and should now be extended.

In the absence of such an approach, the debtor countries will become more radical and aggressive in their dealing with creditors, the book says. A tougher negotiating position on debt is forecast from the new government of Mexico this year, and from Argentina next year.

Managing World Debt, edited by Dr Stephany Griffith-Jones, published by Harvester-Wheatsheaf (£35).

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,029	Coats	1,153	Land Sec	667	Royal Ins	1,007
Abbey	1,146	CU	559	Laporte	154	Saatchi	493
Alld-Lyons	1,185	Cons Gold	188	L&G	488	Sainsbury	1,229
Amstrad	3,025	Cookson	488	Lloyds	494	Scot & N	1,109
ASDA	6,461	Courtaulds	1,362	Lonrho	29	Sears	13,757
AB Foods	17	Dalgety	1,052	Lucas	657	Sedgwick	834
Argyll	1,631	Dee	482	Magnet	537	Shell	601
BAA	1,034	Dixons	10,313	M&S	2,052	Smith & N	1,062
BET	2,623	ECC	560	Maxwell Cm	343	Smith WH	344
BTR	1,646	Enterprise	123	MEPC	201	Smiths Ind	253
BAT	1,735	Ferranti	8,565	Metal Box	894	STC	2,281
Barclays	2,902	Fisons	387	Midland	1,194	Stan Chart	28
Bass	547	FKI Babck	8,484	NatWest	443	Storehse	5,049
Beecham	652	Gen Acc	321	Next	2,130	Sun Alince	151
Beazer	1,107	GEC	1,774	Nth Food	540	T & N	258
Bensfd SW	2,378	Glaxo	793	P&O	508	Tarmac	3,028
BICC	2,262	Globe Inv	400	Pearl	118	Tate & Lyle	94
Blue Arrw	11,643	Glynwed	142	Pearson	184	TSB	1,397
Blue Circle	602	Granada	1,723	Pilkington	1,565	Tesco	733
BOC	214	Grand Met	1,770	Plessey	651	Thorn EMI	687
Boots	2,450	GUS 'A'	75	Prudential	2,814	Trafalgar	1,025
BPB	774	GRE	57	Racal	1,667	THF	1,975
Br Aero	1,196	GKN	805	Rk Hovis	10,706	Ultramar	5,244
Br Airways	1,705	Guinness	3,096	Rank	792	Unigate	1,166
Br Comm	474	Hamm 'A'	12	R&C	285	Unilever	797
Br Gas	6,898	Hanson	3,796	Redland	269	United Bis	1,008
Br Petrol	3,690	Hawker	296	Reed	2,334	Utd News	796
Br Telecm	1	Hillsdown	1,239	Reuters	566	Wellcome	1,677
Bunzl	1,157	IMI	564	RMC Gp	179	Whitbrd	1,837
Burmah	1,220	ICI	1,399	RTZ	407	Williams	1,211
Burton	2,930	Inchcape	1,032	R-Royce	5,767	Wilts Fab	790
C&W	1,144	Jaguar	3,259	Rothmn 'B'	501	Wimpey G	164
Cadbury	2,950	Lasmo	1,159	Rowntree	137	Woolworth	1,052
		Ladbroke	695	Royal Bank	782	Equities page 28	

COMPANY BRIEFS

FLEMING O/SEAS (fin) *Pre-tax:* £5.46 (£4.60)m *EPS:* 2.71 (2.27)p *Div:* 1.7 mkg 2.7(2.25)p	NAV 205.8 (243.8)p. Revenue may vary annually with changes in investment policy and exchange rates.
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MOORGATE INV.TST. (fin) *Pre-tax:* £1.29 (£1.13)m *EPS:* 6.67 (5.68)p *Div:* 4.6 mkg 6.5 (5.5)p	Gross revenue £1.41 (£1.23)m. Previous year's EPS restated. NAV 220.0p (against 221.1p, restated).
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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 11	July 22	October 13	October 24

Call options were taken out on: 13/7/88 Cityvision, Singer & Friedlander, Boots, GM Firth, Glaxo, Neepsend, FR Group, ASDA, Norfolk Capital, Sutherland, Dares Estates, Rex Williams, Unigroup, British Arrow.
Put & Call: Singer & Friedlander.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Acal	146
BMSS	125
Bergersen A	£26 15/16 +1/16
Bergersen B	£27⅛ +⅜
Builder Gp	159
City of Lon	100
Colefax Fowler (125p)	145
Colroy	158 –2
Conroy Pet	61 +1
Drayton Far Eastn	277 +1
Eng O'seas Prop	144
Erostin Group	170 +2
Eurocopy	93 –2
First Iberian	£25⅝
Gandalf Tech	27 7/16
Heritage	140 –6
Herring Son (150p)	150 –1
Hiclare	86 –4
Jackson Group	112
Lincat Group (150p)	145 –1
Needler Group	103
Rockfort (140p)	130 –1
Saunderson Elec	136
SCRcorp	£18¾ –⅛
Severfield-R	87
Reject Shop	156
TGI (130p)	146
Tams (John)	91 –2
Thorntons (125p)	135
Young Gp (145p)	174 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hunterprint N/P	20 –1
Kelt Energy N/P	54
Nat Aust Bk N/P	74
Rasamec N/P	28 –5
Select App N/P	40
Splash Prod N/P	23
Steetley N/P	45 –1
Westpac Bk N/P	87

(Issue price in brackets).

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Substantial gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 4. Dealings end tomorrow. §Contango day July 18. Settlement day July 25. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Anglo Utd	Building,Roads	
2	Rank Org (aa)	Industrials L-R	
3	Transcontinental	Industrials S-Z	
4	Bradford	Property	
5	Unigate (aa)	Foods	
6	BICC (aa)	Electricals	
7	P & O Dfd (aa)	Shipping	
8	Harland Simon	Electricals	
9	Canning (W)	Chemicals,Plas	
10	NMW Comp	Electricals	
11	BET Ord (aa)	Industrials A-D	
12	Lex	Motors,Aircraft	
13	Eurotherm	Electricals	
14	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
15	Greenall Whitley	Breweries	
16	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
17	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
18	Jourdan (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
19	Storehouse (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
20	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
21	Star Comp	Industrials S-Z	
22	Barton Transport	Industrials A-D	
23	Burton (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
24	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
25	Lloyds (aa)	Banks,Discount	
26	Whitbread Inv	Breweries	
27	Gestetner	Industrials E-K	
28	Laing Prop	Property	
29	Cray Elect	Electricals	
30	Pearson (aa)	Industrials L-R	
31	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
32	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
33	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
34	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
35	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
36	DAKS Simpson 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
37	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
38	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
39	Gr Portland	Property	
40	Nthn Foods (aa)	Foods	
41	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
42	Appleyard	Motors,Aircraft	
43	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
44	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. gross yld%	Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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INDEX-LINKED

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
377	318	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	357	362	+1	17.9	5.0	7.0
10	850	Schroders	850	950	..	22.6	2.5	11.3
555	410	Stand Chart (aa)	488	495	+2	48.0	9.8	6.1
116	96	TSB (aa)	109	111	+½	6.8	6.0	7.4
309	248	Union Disc	298	300		15.1	5.1	12.8
355	305	Warburg SG	318	322	●+2	5.3	4.8	8.6
128	117	Do 6% 'A'	115	118	-1	8.2	7.0	..
35¼	23	Wells Fargo	34½	-	●-½			
453	443	Wintrust	435	460	..	9.3	2.1	16.1

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	428	431	●+3	17.3	4.0	12.8
867	746½	Bass (aa)	795	800	●+9	26.9	3.4	11.9
50	42	Belhaven	46	48	..	1.4	3.0	18.4
175	127	Boddington	170	173	..	5.4	3.1	17.8
207	145	Buckleys	155	165	..	4.4	2.8	49.4
198	147	Bulmer (H P)	190	198	..	8.2	4.2	13.8
160	120	Burtonwood Brew	155	165	..	4.2	2.6	17.2
395	332	Clark (Matthew)	340	350	..	13.7	4.0	11.5
372	292	Devenish (JA)	325	333	● ..	4.0	1.2	29.0
282	175	Greenall Whitley	229	234	+6	8.3	3.6	13.2
494	436	Greene King	463	470		9.9	2.1	20.8
361	271	Guinness (aa)	340	343	-2	12.6	3.7	11.3
745	655	Hardys & Hansons	735	755	● ..	30.0	4.0	13.9
128	76	Highland Dist	121	123	+2	3.5	2.9	19.1
306	167	Invergordon Dist	285	293	..	7.9	2.7	17.5
320	125	Irish Dist	312	320	●-2			
135	110	Marston Thompson	133	136	●+3	3.9	2.9	13.9
523	463	Morland	515	530	..	10.9	2.1	20.7
388	275	SA Breweries	325	350				
349	205	Scot & New (aa)	320	323	+5	12.2	3.8	15.9
627	480	Vaux Group	623	630	+17	21.6b	3.4	19.2
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	295	300	●+4	14.1	4.7	10.2
435	295	Do 'B'	375	475	●+5	13.7	3.2	14.5
385	274	Whitbread Inv	380	390	●+5	12.3	3.2	44.8
435	358	Wolvrhmptn & D	420	425	●+3	8.2	1.9	18.0
492	345	Young 'A'	482	502	●+5	12.0	2.4	28.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	143	Abbey	255	275				
400	314	Amec	365	370	r -2	17.3	4.7	10.4
465	348	Anglia Sec	453	468	●+1	3.4	0.7	27.1
55	36	Anglo Utd	47	50	●+4	1.3	2.7	21.3
155	90	Arncliffe	145	160	..	4.3	2.8	9.6
325	247	Attwoods	303	307	r -1	8.7	2.9	17.3
309	246	BPB Ind (aa)	275	278	●+2	11.3	4.1	9.6
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	300	310	● ..	5.0	1.6	21.5
85	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	69	72	+1	1.9	2.7	14.7
216	170	Barratt Devs	175	178	-1	12.6	7.1	11.6
273	181	Bellway	257	260	+1	11.0	4.2	12.5
113	85	Bellwinch	97	102	..	2.9	2.9	9.0
384	258	Berkeley Gp	325	333	● ..	4.7	1.4	11.7
122	83	Bett Bros	117	127	●+4	4.8	3.9	28.1
400	320	Blockleys	355	405	..	8.9	2.3	20.6
471	403	Blue Circle (aa)	452	455	+3	20.0	4.4	10.8
383	314½	Boot (Henry)	355	370	..	19.3	5.3	8.6
295	187	Breedon PLC	255	275	..	8.7	3.3	35.5
170	109	Br Dredging	150	157	..	6.9	4.5	33.6
155½	126	Bryant	135	138	..	4.4	3.2	16.2
144	105	CRH	138	141	..			
155	104	Cakebread Robey	115	125	● ..	5.1	4.3	19.7
354	258	Caradon	350	355	●+1	10.7	3.0	13.3
140	102	Church Charles	105	110	●-1	1.3	1.2	11.8
385	185	Conder Grp	342	362	..	7.5	2.1	12.0
150	112	Copson PLC	132	139	+1	2.4	1.8	74.3
336	259	Costain	302	305	-4	13.2	4.3	12.5
318	203	Countryside	303	310		3.0	1.0	15.1
235	185	Crest Nicholson	214	218	-4	8.3	3.8	10.9
116	73	Crosby James	105	110	-2	2.7	2.5	7.6
391	229	Douglas (RM)	270	273	..	4.3b	1.6	21.3
105	76	Erith	93	98		4.1	4.3	13.0
308	175	Fairclough Hsg	305	310	+3	6.9	2.2	11.2
100	75	Finlan Gp	83	87		6.2	7.3	12.8
76	59	Galliford	71	73	-2	3.8	5.3	18.1
283	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	255	270	+3	3.8	1.4	34.4
585	385	Gleeson (MJ)	490	510	●-5	9.5	1.9	12.0
250	205	Harrison Ind	240	250	● ..	9.1	3.7	11.6
148	90	Hewden-Stuart	123	126	s ..	2.7	2.2	12.8
321	239	Heywood Williams	297	304		13.0	4.3	11.0
373	291	Higgs & Hill	368	375	+2	12.3	3.3	11.6
86	67	How Gp	83	88	+3	4.1	4.8	11.0
70	52	Howard Hldgs	59	62		1.9	3.1	11.1
194	141	Ibstock Johnsen	170	175	-2	5.5	3.2	11.3
189	87	Jarvis (J) & Sons	171	178	-4			
358	270	Laing (J)	328	333	-2	9.8	2.9	8.8
358	270	Do 'A'	328	333	-2	9.8	2.9	9.8
183	111	Lawrence (Walter)	167	170	..	6.5	3.8	10.6
49	38	Lilley (FJC)	48	48	..			6.1
260	218	Lovell (YJ)	242	247	● ..	7.0	2.9	12.1
258	196	Magnet (aa)	245	250	●+3	9.2	3.7	13.1
203	147½	Manders	197	200		7.3	3.7	22.2
162	128	Marley	140	145	+1	6.9	4.8	10.2
263	235½	Marshalls (Halifax)	243	248	..	9.7	3.9	11.8
105	78	Mawdens (J)	95	98	+2	2.9	3.0	15.7
509	397	McAlpine (Alfred)	420	428	-1	21.5	5.1	8.5
497	427	McCarthy & S	428	433	●-1	5.7	1.3	13.0
430	341	Meyer Int	417	420	●-8	12.7	3.0	13.7
227	58	Miller (Stanley)	198	203	+6	1.7	0.8	..
438	347	Mowlem (John)	373	375	-1	23.5	6.3	9.8
160	11	MSM	106	109	+1			

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS, TV

DRAPERY, STORES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
275	222	Auto Sec	250	252	r +2	2.9	1.2	15.7
66	35	Beacon Gp	40	45		0.7	1.6	
45	32	Bennett & Fountain	36	39	●	1.0	2.7	18.9
352	301	BICC (aa)	343	347	+7	17.3	5.0	15.6
105	62	BSR	100	102	-3	3.0	3.0	14.8
199	133	Bich	195	202	+3	6.1	3.1	14.2
122	85	Borland	107	114	-3			
194	149	Bowthorpe	170	177	+6	4.5b	2.6	13.3
218	175	Britannia Security	182	190		2.7	1.5	15.3
260	220	Br Telecom (aa)	253	255	+1	12.7	5.0	11.1
29	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20	23	-1	0.3	1.4	13.9
305	191	CAP Group	299	306		2.6	0.9	25.1
104	53	CASE	89	92	●+1	1.0	1.1	49.4
382	313	Cable Wireless (aa)	365	370	●-1	8.9	2.4	16.3
245	193	Cambridge Elec	240	245	+10	11.6	4.8	12.0
67	34	Cambridge Instr	61	64	-1	1.0	1.6	6.9
65	47	Chloride	54	56	●	2.7	4.9	14.9
243	200	Cray Elect	230	240	+4	3.7	1.6	14.2
183	141	Crystalate	160	164	●+7	7.8	4.8	7.9
83	50	DDT Group	76	66	+1	1.6	2.0	14.4
116	75	Dale Elec	100	105	.	5.1	5.0	21.3
63	38½	Dewhurst	56	61	..	1.8	3.2	12.3
55	37½	Do A	49	54		1.9	3.7	11.8
348	278	Domino	317	327	+2	3.8	1.2	15.0
64	53	Dowding & Mills	59	61	-½	2.5	4.2	14.7
217	117	Dubilier	208	218	..	4.1	1.9	11.6
221	176	Electrocomponents	217	220	●+10	5.8	2.6	14.9
128	97½	Elec Data Process	113	118	● .	2.8	2.4	9.9
92	65	Electronic Mach	65	75	+2	1.2	1.7	85.4
478	367	Emess	453	460	r -2	10.7	2.3	17.2
403	267	Eurotherm	398	407	+7	8.2	2.0	14.7
143	112	FKI Babcock (aa)	128	129	●+3½	3.1	2.4	10.5
181	147	Farnell Elec	175	180	+8	4.8	2.7	13.6
93	76	Ferranti Intl (aa)	91	92	+2½	2.8	3.1	12.8
69	50	Forward Tech	59	64	+1	1.4	2.3	10.1
169½	142	GEC (aa)	160	162		8.7	5.4	9.5
267	192	Harland Simon	257	264	+6	2.6b	1.0	33.8
71	46	Highland Elect	67	70	..	3.4	4.9	10.2
295	195	Hoskyns Gp	288	298	●	3.2	1.1	26.3
65	43	ITL Gp	50	56	●+2	2.7	5.1	5.4
210	150	Jones Stroud	180	200		7.2	3.8	12.4
385	328	Kode	363	373	+1	21.2	5.8	12.0
373	250	Lec Refrigeration	368	378	+1	18.5	5.0	10.3
61	37	Life Sciences	54	57	+2	1.0	1.8	35.9
333	237	Logica	330	336	+1	2.6	0.8	23.4
283	225	Macro 4	243	255		4.5	1.8	22.4
242	173	Memec	225	234	+3	5.7	2.5	15.0

FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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MINING

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NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

Portfolio
—PLUS NEW—
Accumulator

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DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000

Claims required for 52 points

ACCUMULATOR £118,000

Claims better than 52 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
477	271	LASMO (aa)	455	460	+5	10.6	2.3	41.0
195	140	Do Units	170	185		41.7	23.4	
30	13	Maxima	27	29				
28	16	New London Oil	19	21				
67	27	Oil Search	53	56	+1			
64	47	Petrocon	55	62				9.4
1½	1	Petroz	1¼	1½				
73	50½	Premier	67	68	+½			21.5
350	221	Ranger	330	335	-5			
67¼	59½	Royal Dutch	64		●+1⅛			
11	965	Shell (aa)	10¼	10½		65.2	6.3	11.2
340	243	Sillolene	333	343	+3	12.3	3.6	10.9
166	91	Sovereign	142	147				38.5
17	11	TR Energy	13	15				13.7
15	4	Target	3	5				
201	118	Triton Europe	175	178	-2			
319	173	Ultramar (aa)	300	302	+13	8.9	3.0	29.3
91	44	Woodside	87	91	+1			

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
54	33	Boustead	51	53	-1	0.7	1.3	23.7
149	133	Cullington	132	139	●+2	9.3	6.8	13.6
103	75	Finlay (James)	98	102	●	5.5	5.5	32.3
676	546	Harrison Crosfield	623	643	-1	34.7	5.4	17.8
233	155	Inchcape (aa)	225	226	+3			13.4
260	195	Lonrho (aa)	251	254	+1	15.8	6.2	11.8
73	47	Ocean Wilson	48	53		3.3	6.5	17.2
366	305	Paterson Zoch	345	356	-2	9.9	2.8	10.3
355	305	Do 'A'	345	355	-2	9.9	2.8	10.8
320	230	Polly Peck	300	304	●+5	8.8	2.9	7.2
87	57	Sime Darby	84	89				
108	71	Tozer Kemsley	94	97	●-1	2.8	2.9	9.6

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
266	202	Abbott Mead	258	263	-2	6.2	2.4	13.2
103	35	Addison Cons	38	41	-1	1.9	4.8	9.2
271	238	Assoc Paper	252	257	.	11.0	4.3	11.3
355	270	BPP	310	350		9.0	2.7	19.7
138	108	Barker (Charles)	132	137	-1	4.5	3.3	14.7
227	180	Bemrose	219	222		13.7b	6.2	13.3
302	241	Boase Massimi	252	256	●-1	9.6b	3.8	15.8
250	205	Brunning	227	237		5.1	2.2	52.1
169	127	Bunzl (aa)	145	148	+3	6.9	4.7	13.7
820	653	Carlton Comm	775	785	●+5	8.1	1.0	28.2
343	263	Chapman	320	355	● .	13.3	3.9	11.5
225	173	Clutter (James)	195	210		2.9	1.4	8.2
463	357	DRG	452	455	+6	14.7	3.2	16.9

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	228	Lister	308	314	-1	9.6	3.1	11.9
405	295	Leeds	350	360		8.9	2.5	12.4
144	111	Lister	111	116	-1	5.3	4.6	7.3
90	68	Lyles (S)	76	81	.	4.5	5.7	19.5
320	250	Mackay (Hugh)	275	295		9.6	3.4	13.4
54	41	Munton	44	48	r -1	..	..	
205	163	Parkland 'A'	202	207	●	7.6	3.7	10.0
82	62	Readicut	76	78	●-1	3.6	4.7	10.7
171	130	SEET	146	153	-2	7.3	4.9	12.2
177	120	Sirdar	157	162		3.7	2.3	11.8
126	97	Sumar	105	111	..	7.1	6.5	15.7
126	90	Smallshaw (R)	100	110		13.4	12.8	9.1
75	59	Stoddard	67	72		3.0	4.3	9.3
212	167	Textured Jersey	197	204	+1	5.3	4.5	16.9
580	412	Tomkinsons	565	585		10.7	1.9	15.6
127	93	Tootal	105	107	+1	6.2	5.8	9.6
53	34	West Trust	48	53				17.2
240	195	Yorklyde	217	227	-3	11.0	5.0	7.3

TOBACCOS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
480	399	BAT (aa)	427	430	●+5	23.2	5.4	8.8
138	125	Carreras	135	135				
452	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	413	415	-3	13.3	3.2	9.4

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth & Fixed	111.2	118.0●	-0.3	8.47
Hi Inc Equity	120.6	128.2●	+0.1	4.64
Worldwide Bd	195.4	207.1	+1.1	4.68
American Gth	159.2	169.1	-0.6	1.21
Asian Pacific	74.79	79.98	+0.88	1.04
Assets & Earns	144.2	153.3	+0.7	1.75
Capital Res	79.46	79.66	+0.10	3.77
Comm Energy	103.7	110.9	-0.3	0.96
Euro Capital	73.28	77.95	-0.16	0.96
General	167.7	178.3c	-0.4	2.52
Japan	96.59	103.3	+0.68	0.00
UK Gth Inc	132.3	140.7	+0.1	2.09
Do Acc	195.7	208.1	+0.2	1.41
US Emerg Co	47.14	50.14	+0.25	0.00
Income Gth	261.3	278.5	-0.3	3.41
Master Acc	75.38	80.49●	-0.10	2.25
American Inc	46.09	49.03	+0.27	5.59
Ethical Tst	44.15	47.21●	-0.04	2.65

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070
20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 5801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth	32.42	34.41		2.69
N Amer Inc	25.30	27.91		4.27
World Gth	41.17	43.70		1.09
Extra Inc	39.17	41.58●		4.73
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	43.10	45.95	+0.18	2.01
Amer Extra Inc	37.6	40.0●		5.66
Australian	24.76	26.34	+0.36	1.31
Euro Tst	43.58	46.37	-0.17	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.15	24.63●	-0.07	9.70
Global Income	36.80	39.15	-0.17	4.94
Hi Income	54.0	57.5		5.30
Income Growth	66.24	70.47●	-0.30	4.29
International	85.2	90.7●		0.59
Japan Gen	163.6	174.1	-0.5	0.01
Special Sits	64.82	68.96	-0.27	1.28
Formerly Allents UT Managers				
Japan Far East	66.6	70.9		1.45
International	70.7	75.1		1.99
Do Acc	92.4	98.2		1.99
Hi Income	55.8	59.3		5.65
Fund Invest	98.3	104.5		2.40
Do Acc	148.9	158.3		2.40
UK Growth	21.7	23.1		4.26
N American	44.9	47.7		1.29
Swiss Balnco	39.5	42.0		3.66

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	110.7	118.6	-0.6	1.02
Exempt	405.6	427.9●	-0.4	4.48
Far Eastern	220.1	236.3	+0.8	0.00
Fin & Prop	84.10	89.04	+0.18	2.38
Hi Yield	78.04	82.70	+0.18	4.59
Income & Gth	313.9	332.4●	-0.3	4.30
Intl Earnings	183.2	194.1	-1.2	2.87
Int Gth Inc	91.1	97.0	..	0.23
Japan Gth Acc	155.6	165.4●	+0.5	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	116.2	124.6●	-0.3	2.56
Preference Inc	134.5	142.2	-0.1	8.56
Smi Co Div Inc	95.9	101.5●	+0.1	4.33
Smi Co Gth	294.1	311.6	+0.7	1.54
Spec Sits Inc	142.3	150.7	-1.1	1.36
UK Growth	382.1	404.6●	-0.6	3.22

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 28291 dealing:0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	300.0	319.5	-0.5	4.64
Equity Inc	174.7	186.0●	-0.3	4.19
High Yield	175.7	187.1	+0.3	4.98
Balanced	423.0	450.4●	-1.4	3.20
Amer Inc	28.74	30.60	+0.01	4.22
World Ass Val	27.07	28.82	-0.04	1.04
Japan	143.1	152.4	+1.0	0.01
Sec of Amer	186.3	198.4●	-0.6	1.02
Asset Value	323.3	344.3●	-0.9	2.89
O'seas Earn	210.1	223.7●	-1.3	3.13
Recovery	101.4	107.9	-0.3	2.89
UK Spec Sits	265.3	282.5	-0.6	2.56
Smir Co	172.2	183.3●	+0.2	3.20
Capital	255.9	272.5	-1.2	2.93
Amer Spec Sit	62.72	66.79	+0.03	1.48
International	94.35	100.4●	-0.22	0.99
Growth & Inc	152.7	162.6	-0.4	3.48
Euro Gth	18.22	19.40	-0.08	1.39
Pacific	226.5	241.2●	+0.7	0.19
2nd Smir Co	198.0	208.7	+0.1	1.89

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	81.37	86.79	-0.11	3.15
Euro Gth Inc	65.08	69.42	-0.05	1.05
Extra Income	96.28	102.7	+0.10	5.06
General	169.7	181.0	-0.3	3.31
Gilt & Fixed Inc	52.65	54.28●	-0.08	9.05
Income Tst	415.2	442.9c	-0.9	4.02

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	61.10	64.83	+0.58	0.90
Australia	69.62	74.27	+0.97	0.00
Eastern	81.43	86.86	+1.27	0.10
Equity Inc	70.90	75.23	+0.63	5.00
Europe	125.7	133.4	-1.1	0.00
Exempt Tst	58.19	61.75		3.40
Growth & Inc	77.05	81.76	+0.07	2.20
Do Acc	120.1	127.5	+0.1	2.20
Global Gth	64.58	68.52	-0.05	0.00
Japan Spec	144.5	154.1	+1.5	0.00
Japan Sun	153.0	163.2	+1.5	0.00
First Europe	111.1	117.9	-1.3	0.90
First Japan	105.9	113.0	+1.4	0.50
First N Amer	46.86	49.72●	+0.38	1.10
First Smir Co	95.0	100.8	+1.2	1.40
N Amer Spec	43.15	45.83	+0.43	0.30
Select Mngrs	47.61	50.00	..	2.00
UK Growth	59.12	62.89	+0.14	5.20

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	160.9	171.4	-0.6	3.91
Smir Co Acc	302.5	328.2	-0.7	0.82
Do Inc	191.4	207.7	-0.4	1.29
High Income	80.11	85.32	+0.03	5.70
Income	96.07	102.3	+0.50	5.33
Man Portfl Inc	88.38	94.12	+0.02	2.83
Do Acc	150.3	160.1		2.20
Nth American	49.90	51.97	+0.41	0.30
Orient	104.7	110.5	+0.3	0.28
Exempt	277.9	293.2	-0.1	2.78
Recovery	67.81	72.22●	-0.37	1.81
German	22.24	23.69	-0.14	1.69
Int Recov	25.33	26.98	+0.15	0.50
Europe	16.59	17.75		3.99
Conv General	25.09	26.47●	+0.31	6.61

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Emerg Inc	63.08	66.93c	-1.88	2.31
Fellowship Inc	63.34	67.30	-0.12	2.65
General Inc 4	270.9	287.4●	-0.3	2.81
Do Acc 4	447.4	474.7●	+0.5	2.81
Income Fd 3	141.8	150.4		5.50
Do Acc 3	256.9	283.2		5.50
Int Income 2	107.5	113.7	-0.2	2.71
Do Acc 2	145.5	153.9	-0.2	2.71
Smir Inc 5	93.99	99.39●	-0.12	1.79
Do Acc	102.1	109.0●	+0.1	1.79

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT, LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel. 01-480 7216

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Shi Gr Fxd Int	51.4	52.3		1.39

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	34.72	36.94a	+0.03	2.77
Income	43.82	46.62a	-0.04	4.46
Far East	30.46	32.40s	+0.12	0.19
Nth American	29.01	30.86a	-0.06	0.67
Global	46.28	49.21	+0.08	0.70
European	41.10	43.72	-0.14	1.22
Japan	87.98	94.65	+0.33	0.01
Strategic Opp	52.25	55.59	-0.01	1.35
Do Acc	47.5	50.6		3.31
Intl Currency	45.86	48.30	+0.18	6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: 01-588 0998

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	403.8	431.0		3.14
European S S	50.6	53.9		3.02
Far East S S	51.6	55.0		0.65
Gold Gen S S	56.5	60.2		0.95
Income	352.6	376.4		5.00
Intl Sp Sits	49.8	53.1		1.53
Nth Amer	237.9	253.9		1.89

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	460.85			4.71
Fixed Int	143.4			9.97
Deposit	100.0			8.10

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	435.24	●		5.08
Acc	£13.6438			
Deposit	100.0			8.60

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel. 01-806 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Remmt	23.06	24.40	+0.20	
SC Special Sits	65.32	69.12●		0.36

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	20.6	21.9	-0.1	0.19
Atlas Gth	23.18	24.59	-0.12	0.63
Dragon Gth	26.11	27.70	+0.17	1.59
Equity Hi Inc	58.88	62.14●	-0.04	4.77
Do Acc	59.66	62.97	-0.04	4.77
European Gth	25.64	27.20	-0.25	1.50
Gen Equity	45.48	52.20	-0.14	2.90
G/F Intrst Gth	32.56	34.18	-0.06	7.41
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.35	25.56●	-0.05	8.97
Intl Income Tst	23.32	24.74	-0.06	5.57
Japan Gth	48.97	49.70●	+0.21	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.75	31.46●	-0.10	2.25
Special Sits	37.13	39.40	+0.02	1.98

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	54.48	57.96●	-0.01	2.60
Do Acc	56.76	60.39●		2.60
Income Inc	56.31	59.90●	+0.01	3.55
Do Acc	59.09	62.86●	-0.02	3.55
Worldwide Inc	45.99	49.19●	-0.18	0.59
Do Acc	46.64	49.98●	-0.17	0.59
Gamma Inc	37.18	39.55	-0.25	0.97
Do Acc	37.34	39.73	-0.25	0.97
Amer Gth	55.80	59.36	-0.03	0.69
Euro Gth	55.04	58.55	+0.07	0.89
Far East	66.30	70.53	+0.67	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.65	50.20	+0.06	8.23
World Bond	48.70	51.54	+0.23	5.44
Private Inv Pt	47.69	50.58	+0.06	3.26
Profess Inv Pt	51.41	54.69	+0.08	1.21
Progres Inv Pt	51.41	54.69	+0.08	1.21

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	106.5	115.7●	+0.6	0.72
Canadian Gth	21.99	23.46	-0.15	0.94
European Tst	97.88	104.4	-0.19	0.97
Growth Tst	269.0	286.9	+1.7	2.56
High Income	323.8	345.4	+1.7	4.98
Intl Tech Tst	108.8	116.1●		0.69
Investment	27.23	29.05	+0.26	0.69
Japanese Tst	244.6	260.9	+4.9	0.00
Man Int	28.00	29.87	+0.16	2.51

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	53.40	57.28	-0.02	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	40.03	43.03	-0.42	1.90
International	47.51	50.71●	-0.25	5.20
N Amer Gth	44.76	47.74	+0.06	1.70
Pacific Gth	60.94	65.13	+0.07	4.80
UK Gth Acc	70.15	75.94	-0.30	2.90
Do Dist	67.78	73.37	-0.29	2.90
UK Income	59.97	64.23	-0.18	5.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fd	61.31	65.14	+0.24	1.54
Capital Fd	133.9	142.3	-0.2	1.41
Convertible	24.91	26.47●	+0.02	7.46
Eurofund	24.07	25.52●	-0.16	1.18
Growth & Inc	185.7	197.3	-0.4	3.80
High Dist Fd	153.0	162.6	+0.3	4.92
International	209.9	223.0●	+0.1	1.01
Pacific Fd	25.93	27.52	+0.30	0.00
Resources Fd	23.92	25.42	-0.03	0.00
Smir Jap Co	45.68	48.44	+0.16	0.00
Tokyo Fd	201.9	214.1	+1.7	0.00
Ex Amer 2	123.5	126.9	-0.4	1.80
Ex Japan 3	119.7	123.0●		0.17
Ex Pacific 4	374.7	385.0		0.23
Ex Smir Jap 4	265.0	272.0		0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	84.84	90.02●	-0.07	2.70
Do Acc	89.40	94.85●	-0.06	2.56
UK Gth Acc	127.9	135.7	-0.4	2.02
UK High Inc	96.7	102.6	+0.1	4.27
N Amer Acc	65.30	69.65●	+0.28	1.00
Far East Acc	120.0	128.0●	+1.4	0.60
European Acc	71.78	76.57	-0.41	1.35
UK Gt/Fi Inc	55.63	58.48●	-0.24	8.89
Do Acc	64.60	67.91●	-0.28	7.66
Intl Spec Sits	39.76	42.41	+0.10	1.58

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel 0708 66966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	120.2	127.9		1.85

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equit Pelican	94.54	100.6	+0.09	3.58
High Income	100.1	106.5	-0.12	4.69
Gt/Fxd Intrst	50.92	54.18●	-0.06	7.48
Tst Of Inv Tsts	89.23	94.93	+0.28	2.11
Spec Sits Tst	102.5	109.1	+0.34	2.75
Nth Amer Tst	59.30	63.09	-0.09	1.41
Far East Tst	120.6	128.3●	+2.81	0.31
Intl Gth	58.48	62.22	-0.12	1.77
European Tst	41.90	44.58●	-0.14	1.75

EQUITY & LAW
St George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Acc	180.0	191.5		3.25
Do Inc	149.2	158.8		3.25
Higher Inc Acc	335.2	356.7		4.40
Do Inc	253.3	269.5		4.40
Gilts & Fxd Acc	110.9	116.8		8.64
Do Inc	83.11	87.49		8.64
N Amer Acc	126.9	136.0		0.01
Far East Acc	208.9	222.3		0.00
Euro Tst Acc	139.1	144.8		0.33
Gen Tst	264.0	280.9		3.56
Brit Excell	41.01	43.63		2.95
Br Fcmls Inc	49.83	53.02		5.95
Do Acc	49.83	53.02		5.95

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smir Co	63.12	67.50	+0.38	0.65
UK Inc Fd	93.95	100.5	+0.60	4.33
Far East Fd	90.81	97.35	+0.94	0.00
Overseas Inc	62.37	66.71●	+0.65	4.31
Fxd Interest	52.79	55.98●	-0.16	10.07
Natural Res Fd	61.84	66.14●	-0.15	1.76
European Inc	63.74	68.17	-0.82	2.21
Financials Fd	47.10	50.32	+0.16	2.44
Intl Tech Fd	105.1	112.4	+0.2	0.74
US Gth	70.67	75.59	+0.40	2.14
US Major	48.35	51.71	+0.20	0.69

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	71.38	75.95	+0.02	
Do Inc	69.38	73.82	+0.02	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	30.03	31.96●	-0.09	
Do Inc	27.96	29.75●	-0.09	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	58.19	61.90●	-0.11	
Do Inc	49.85	53.04●	-0.10	3.54
Serv Co Acc	72.42	77.06	+0.05	
Do Inc	70.72	75.25	+0.05	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	24.16	25.51	+0.02	
Do Inc	23.97	25.51	+0.12	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	16.68	17.94	-0.09	2.00
Do Inc	16.77	17.85	..	2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	105.2	111.5	+0.9	0.72
Amer Eqty Inc	28.30	30.03	+0.21	5.35
Amer Spec Sit	55.22	56.26	+2.07	0.10
Australia	27.13	28.85	+0.17	2.48
European	58.15	61.88	-0.50	
European Inc	21.41	22.83	-0.04	4.21
Global Conv	22.74	24.33●	-0.20	5.36
Far East Inc	39.66	42.02	+0.28	3.48
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.02	29.34●	-0.02	10.04
Growth & Inc	115.9	124.3●	+0.7	4.59
Japan Spec Sit	75.03	79.76	+0.66	
Japan	169.5	180.3c	+1.7	..
Managed Intl	131.3	140.0	+1.4	0.42
Inc Plus	105.2	112.9	-0.6	4.61
Famous Name	41.55	44.56	-0.21	2.46
SE Asia	42.63	45.52	+0.66	0.80
Spec Sit	268.0	287.7	-0.2	0.69
Eastern Opps	24.86	26.44	+0.29	
Intl Bond	25.03	26.43c	+0.10	8.58
Recovery	30.08	32.27	+0.34	2.28
Moneybuilder	26.08	28.09●	+0.27	2.95

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Smir Cos	183.9	194.0	+0.6	
Do Acc	187.9	199.3	+0.8	
Amer Turn Inc	211.3	223.0●	+0.7	
Do Acc	219.2	231.3●	+0.8	
Capital Inc	280.9	295.4	+1.0	2.18
Do Acc	348.3	367.5	+1.4	2.17
Conv/Gilt Inc	105.9	111.7●	+0.3	5.90
Do Acc	151.6	160.0●	+0.4	5.90
European Inc	58.49	61.73●	+0.13	1.15
Do Acc	58.98	62.24●	+0.13	1.15
Extra Inc Inc	247.7	261.4c	-0.3	4.50
Do Acc	279.0	294.0c	-0.5	4.50
Financial Acc	45.01	47.50	+0.16	0.97
Do Inc	44.60	47.07	+0.16	0.97
Income Tst	168.1	177.4●	-0.1	3.99
Do Acc	188.0	198.4●	-0.1	3.99
Intl Growth Fd	152.1	160.5	+0.1	
Do Acc	165.9	176.2	+0.2	
Japan/Gen Inc	125.8	132.7	+1.0	
Do Acc	127.1	134.1	+1.1	
Monthly Inc Fd	129.7	136.9●	..	4.14
PEP 87		63.89	-0.06	2.46
PEP 88	56.22	59.33	+0.36	2.10
Recovery	129.6	200.1c	-0.8	1.27
Do Acc	209.0	220.5c	+0.7	1.27
Smaller Inc	56.81	59.95	+0.67	2.46
Do Acc	57.08	60.24	+0.18	2.46

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	238.4	252.7	-0.71	2.58
Do Acc	415.7	440.6	+0.43	2.58
Euro Gth Dist	57.21	60.70	-0.31	0.85
Do Acc	57.21	60.70	-0.31	0.85
Fxd Interest Di	113.8	120.1	-0.20	7.62
Do Acc	149.6	157.7	-0.26	7.62
Int Gth Dist	54.94	58.29●	-0.51	0.61
Do Acc	55.26	58.63●	+0.50	0.81
Nth Amer Dist	117.8	124.8●	-0.11	1.36
Do Acc	120.2	127.4●	-0.04	1.36
Pac Basin Dist	185.3	196.6●	+3.05	0.00
Do Acc	185.5	196.9●	+3.06	0.00
Steward Dist	240.2	254.6	+0.17	1.44
Do Acc	253.1	268.3	+0.18	1.44
Steward Inc Di	59.28	62.63	+0.07	3.52
Do Acc	60.15	63.75	+0.08	3.52
N Am Stwd Di	54.47	57.71●	+0.57	0.73
Do Acc	54.70	58.02●	-0.57	0.73

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Sp Sits	60.72	64.95	-0.16	0.50
UK Cap Inc	133.8	143.2	-0.4	2.42
Do Acc	197.8	211.6	-0.6	2.42
Do Spec Sits	53.67	57.62	-0.01	0.98
Income Fd	99.65	106.8	-0.28	5.96
International	162.3	173.6	.	0.49
US & General	45.40	48.51	+0.12	0.99
Japan & Gen	309.4	331.0	+2.0	0.10
Far East Gen	127.2	136.1	+0.4	0.29
European Fd	234.6	251.0	+2.3	0.10
Germany Fd	53.96	57.38	-0.30	1.66
Intl Inc Fd	48.37	51.74●	+0.06	5.85
Wic Spec Sit	51.91	66.22●	-0.22	2.71
Global Prp Inc	47.12	50.40	-0.41	2.44
Do Acc	47.12	50.40	+0.47	2.44

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Tsts				
British Acc	71.56	76.21	-0.33	2.21
Do Dist	60.66	64.62	-0.28	2.21
Chelr UK Gth	25.04	26.54	+0.02	2.56
Man Expr	276.5	297.6	+0.91	2.52
Pract Inv Inc	67.91	72.49	+0.15	2.28
Do Acc	127.1	135.7	+0.28	2.28
Spec Sits	109.7	117.1	+0.04	0.59
UK Sel Opps	62.54	66.78●	+0.17	1.04
UK Smir Cos	108.0	115.3	+0.04	0.99
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	60.54	35.10	-0.67	8.17
Fxd Interest	30.72	32.95c	+0.21	7.19
High Income	32.06	34.45s	-0.34	4.56
Income	103.9	111.4	-0.19	3.84
Intl Fxd Int	23.92	25.35●	+0.02	8.12
International Tsts				
Commod Shre	63.04	67.61●	+1.24	1.27
Frontier Mkts	25.94	27.69	+0.31	0.72
Global	160.9	171.8	-0.16	0.98
Do Dist	152.6	162.9	-0.14	0.98
Glob Inc/Gth	71.34	76.15	+0.23	3.61
Gold Share	16.62	17.74	+0.02	1.63
Intl Sel Opps	113.7	121.4●	-0.37	0.98
Oil & Energy	45.51	48.58		2.09
W'wide Recov	90.85	96.98●	+0.09	0.87
Overseas Tsts				
American	66.47	70.79●	+0.27	1.27
Amer Sel Opp	28.32	30.29	+0.04	0.19
Australian	17.42	18.58	.	0.64
European	46.30	49.66	-0.26	1.22
Euro Sel Opp	57.36	60.80	+0.51	0.65
Far East	131.7	140.8	+1.43	0.14
Hedged Amer	31.32	33.50	-0.27	0.50
Hong Kong	33.33	35.57	+0.23	1.68
Japan	134.9	144.0●	-0.68	0.00
Japan S/Opp	73.46	78.15	+2.17	0.00
Pacific Gth	51.16	54.60●	+0.47	0.91

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0528

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	93.96	99.95●	+0.72	1.04
American Gth	63.01	67.03	-0.31	0.96
American Inc	64.72	68.85	+0.34	4.56
European Gth	48.81	51.92s	-0.38	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	51.51	54.79c	-0.21	0.63
Japan Gth	67.02	71.29s	+0.25	.
Pacific Inc	90.41	96.19●	+0.15	2.90
Pacific Strat	49.13	52.26	+0.38	0.41
UK Prog Inc	73.77	78.47●	-0.12	4.38
UK Spec Opps	154.5	164.4	+1.5	1.33
Gt British	38.55	41.11	-0.18	3.21
UK Smi Co	39.2	41.7s	+0.1	0.90

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9903

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gt/Fxd Interest	116.3	120.8	-0.5	9.24
Gth Equity	251.7	266.3	+0.2	2.83
Guardhill	332.9	344.9	-0.2	2.89
Income Tst	97.33	103.0●	-0.66	4.63
Intl Tst	115.7	122.4	+1.0	0.35
N American	129.9	137.4	+2.9	1.53
Pacific	280.8	297.1	+2.3	0.00
Prop Share	388.5	411.2e	+0.3	1.68
Smaller Co	294.9	312.0	+0.5	1.66
European Tst	251.3	265.9●	-0.2	1.14

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 9333

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global Gth	42.64	45.36	+0.09	0.80
High Income	94.47	100.5●	-0.68	5.12
N Amer Tst	108.3	115.3	+1.1	0.62
Pacific Gth	42.88	45.62	+0.51	0.50
Recovery	325.4	346.2	+1.2	2.24
St Vincent Inc	110.4	113.3	+0.3	5.43
St Vinc US Gth	53.79	56.04	+0.69	0.95
Temp G Sm Co	261.0	267.4●	..	3.13
TBUSF	158.5	164.6		2.74
Euro Gth Tst	46.61	49.40	+0.08	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eqty Inc	56.42	59.87	+0.29	5.38
Canadian Tst	48.18	51.12	+0.53	0.96
Equity Income	104.5	110.9	+0.1	5.06
European Tst	85.15	90.35	-0.01	0.80
High Income	83.80	88.92	+0.15	5.72
Intl Sits Tst	54.42	58.05●	-0.31	0.71
Japan/F East	133.3	141.5	+2.0	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	57.99	67.43●	+0.21	0.94
Recov & Asset	66.59	71.02	+0.05	1.96
Scandinavian	77.25	81.97	+0.19	0.89
Smir Co	35.78	38.07s	+0.10	0.92
UK New Gen	39.85	42.40c	+0.26	1.06

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Recov	97.3	105.6	+2.0	0.00
Amer Smir Co	43.09	47.03	+0.82	0.20
Australian	112.8	120.6	+0.8	1.46
Best of World	47.86	51.17	+0.16	2.15
Cap Gth Inc	63.96	68.95	+0.04	2.38
Do Acc	75.67	81.57	+0.05	2.38
European	217.3	232.3	-3.3	1.07
Euro Inc Tst	41.79	44.65	-0.04	4.12
Euro Smir Co	76.98	82.20	+0.93	0.08
Extra Income	237.3	257.8●		3.82
Financial Tst	172.2	188.5	+0.6	2.45
Fxd Interest	53.83	58.16●	+0.07	9.24
Gilt Tst	41.33	43.88	-0.03	7.51
Global Health	84.25	90.53	+0.60	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	62.05	66.52●	+0.19	4.71
Global Resrce	72.90	79.43	+0.88	0.55
Global Tech	110.1	118.6●	+0.1	0.03
Gold	32.84	35.52	-0.64	0.00
High Income	245.3	267.4	+0.1	4.19
Hong Kong	59.50	63.54●	+1.15	0.00
Inc & Gth Inc	182.7	197.6●	-0.3	3.54
Do Acc	373.2	403.7●	-0.7	3.54
Income Asset	130.6	140.8	-0.2	4.08
International	157.3	168.7	+1.8	1.05
Jap Spec Sits	196.4	209.9	+3.4	0.00
Japan Tst	193.6	206.9	+3.1	0.00
Nth American	121.6	130.7c	+1.8	0.42
Pacific Smi Co	89.03	95.61	+1.22	0.00
Pension Man	43.76	46.15●	+0.02	2.36
Pref & Gilt	58.55	63.96●	+0.10	9.24
Recovery Tst	147.2	160.6	+1.5	1.84
Sing & Malay	37.64	40.15	+1.64	0.00
Smir Co Div	175.4	192.4	+0.7	4.28
Spec Sits Inc	186.6	204.0	+0.5	1.32
Do Acc	267.0	291.9	+0.7	1.32
Worldwide	484.5	525.6	..	1.73
Euro Expt	105.7	110.1	+1.6	0.77
Glob Tec Expt	74.84	78.15	-0.27	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	165.4	174.3●	-0.1	4.44
Japan Expt	193.5	200.8	+1.3	0.00
N Amer Expt	83.67	87.39	+0.95	0.76
Pacific Exmpt	193.1	199.7	+2.8	2.57
Smi Co Exmpt	176.9	189.3	+1.2	1.29
Best of Brit	38.07	40.84	-0.04	2.60
Spirit Of East	38.64	41.38	+0.60	2.15

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British Units	62.54	66.88s	-0.18	3.20
Capital Units	116.9	125.1		2.46
Dollar Units	184.8	197.6	+0.6	1.54
European	118.9	126.5●	+0.4	0.00
Far East	146.8	157.0	+1.2	0.52
Financial	438.2	468.6	-0.5	2.25
GF Interest Inc	27.56	28.63	-0.88	8.44
High Yield	85.46	91.40●	-0.05	5.08
Income	104.0	111.3	-0.6	4.39
International	135.0	144.3●	+0.3	1.48
Japan Tech	56.71	60.65	+0.20	0.00
Nat Resource	48.59	51.96	+0.03	1.13
Security	227.8	243.7	-2.3	2.54
Smaller Co	125.5	134.2	-3.8	1.38
Spec Sits	127.2	136.0	-0.4	1.71
US Smir Co	27.19	29.08●	-0.06	0.86

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 01-236 4210

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Brit & Oseas	136.8	144.8		1.88
Inc Plus	72.63	77.07		3.16
Cap Gth	71.12	75.26		3.12
Inv Tst Fnd	81.65	86.41		1.18

KEY FUND MANAGERS
86, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 64779

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity & Gen	57.58	61.42	+0.12	1.61
Gt/Fxd Interest	71.11	75.65	+0.01	8.79
Higher Inc	141.2	151.0●	+0.5	5.42
Income	88.56	94.21●	-0.09	3.80
International	57.82	61.84s	+0.30	0.83
Smir Co	53.45	57.02	+0.26	1.59

KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-929 0776

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	51.19	54.46●	-0.02	5.92
Do Acc	51.85	55.17●	-0.02	5.92
Gilt Yield Inc	107.6	113.5	-0.4	9.51
Do Acc	212.8	224.6	-0.8	9.51
Global Inc	150.1	157.7	..	4.33
Do Acc	267.9	285.0	+1.9	4.33
High Yield Inc	114.6	122.0●	+2.1	5.05
Do Acc	247.1	262.9	+4.6	5.05
Capital Gth Trusts				
Am Sm Co Inc	53.75	57.19c	-0.35	0.50
Do Acc	55.34	58.87	-0.36	0.50
N American Inc	44.15	46.94●	+0.12	1.68
Do Acc	52.05	55.34	+0.15	1.68
European Inc	86.98	92.35●	-0.14	1.99
Do Acc	109.4	116.2●	-0.2	1.99
Euro Spec Inc	58.70	62.36●	+0.10	1.94
Do Acc	59.17	62.86●	-0.10	1.94
Fd Of Invst Inc	23.68	25.19	+0.01	2.46
Do Acc	30.99	32.96	+0.01	2.46
General Inc	197.4	210.0●	-0.3	2.33
Do Acc	278.8	296.3	-0.4	2.93
Intl Recov Inc	120.2	127.8●	-0.9	1.49
Do Acc	129.5	137.7	-0.8	1.49
Japan Inc	306.1	325.8	+2.3	0.00
Do Acc	309.5	329.2	+2.2	0.00
Jap Spec Inc	156.2	166.0	+2.2	0.03
Do Acc	156.9	166.7	+2.1	0.03
Master Acc	155.2	165.0	+0.6	1.42
Pacific Inc	182.7	194.5	+1.0	0.33
Do Acc	207.5	220.8	+1.2	0.33
Smir Co Inc	114.1	121.3●	+0.2	1.26
Do Acc	138.7	147.5●	+0.2	1.26
UK Eq Gth Inc	30.15	32.07	-0.04	2.08
Do Acc	50.43	53.64	-0.09	2.08

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
93, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4908

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European	38.49	40.95●	-0.09	0.00
Extra Income	23.17	24.92●	-0.18	5.89
Far East	21.35	22.71	+0.13	0.00
Income & Gth	64.73	68.86	+0.05	4.30
Intl Gth	37.49	39.80	.	1.83
Japan	53.94	57.38c	-0.32	0.00
N Amer Equity	24.55	26.12	+0.10	0.00
UK Equity	56.34	59.94	-0.15	3.19

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	293.3	317.3	-0.7	2.85
Do Acc	465.8	516.8	-1.2	2.85
Do Income	77.18	82.11●	+0.07	4.43
European	61.49	65.41	-0.01	1.62
Far Eastern	146.4	155.7	+0.4	0.03
Fixed Interest	46.47	49.36●	-0.03	8.27
Gilt	80.85	85.56	-0.33	7.07
Global Gth	49.43	52.59●	+0.08	0.91
International	44.91	47.74	-0.02	5.17
Jap Tst	69.67	74.12	+0.02	0.01
O'seas Equity	84.19	89.56●	+0.06	1.41
Natural Res	97.67	103.9		1.34
N American	78.85	83.88c	+0.68	1.43
UK Recovery	52.80	56.17	+0.09	2.81
UK Spec Sits	92.98	98.92●	-0.55	2.07

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gold Income	49.9	52.9c	-0.2	1.55
Do Acc	54.4	57.7c	-0.3	1.55
Hi Income Inc	422.9	447.2●	-0.3	4.98
Do Acc	£12.38	13.09●	-0.00	4.98
Intl Growth Inc	813.4	868.3	+3.8	1.47
Do Acc	£13.28	14.14	+0.06	1.47
Intl Income	81.3	85.0	+0.1	5.33
Japan Acc	£10.15	10.72	+0.14	0.00
Japan Sm Acc	122.5	129.5	+1.6	0.00
Mid / Gen Inc	905.2	957.2	+1.1	3.82
Do Acc	£23.74	25.10	+0.02	3.82
Recovery Inc	535.8	568.4●	-0.4	3.40
Do Acc	724.2	765.8●	-0.5	3.40
2nd Gen Inc	940.1	996.5●	+0.3	3.02
Do Acc	£19.54	20.71	+0.00	3.02
Smir Co Inc	£10.36	10.99	+0.02	2.47
Do Acc	£16.81	17.82	+0.03	2.47
Trustee Fd Inc	620.0	658.7	+1.2	3.77
Charibd Inc 3	108.4		..	10.84
Charifd Inc 2	529.8	535.1	+0.1	5.27
Pen Exempt 1	606.5	621.7	-0.4	4.51
Nasarf Inc 3	43.1		..	8.66
Do Acc 3	620.9		..	8.66

MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary) 0800 010333 (Public)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Specialist Trusts				
Gth Gilt	65.40	66.34	-0.03	2.58
Smaller Co	225.8	239.9	+0.00	1.12
Spec Feats	106.0	112.7	-0.06	0.84
Do Acc	111.7	118.7	-0.07	0.79
General Funds				
UK Growth	41.08	43.65	+0.17	1.90
Asst/Earn Di	55.50	58.66c	+0.04	2.19
Do Acc	56.39	59.91c	+0.04	2.15
GB Co	344.4	365.9●	-0.84	2.57
Managed Inv	57.53	60.41	+0.26	1.91
Rupert Child	48.87	51.92	-0.11	0.00
High Income Funds				
Extra Income	74.41	79.06c	+0.00	5.82
Gilt	25.42	26.79●	-0.10	8.79
Income / Gth	266.8	283.4	-0.43	3.93
Pref Shares	20.58	21.87●	+0.02	8.37
UK Income	247.8	263.3	-1.21	4.37
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	153.2	162.8	+0.01	1.70
Financial Sec	42.85	45.52●	+0.12	2.78
Gold	50.36	54.01	-0.25	0.27
Do Acc	52.34	56.14	-0.28	0.26
Int Leisure	16.31	17.33	+0.11	0.00
Prop Shares	83.87	89.11	+0.20	0.83
Univ Energy	58.92	62.60c	-0.09	2.97
World Tech	37.74	40.10	+0.05	0.47
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	109.0	115.3	-0.21	3.47
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	88.76	94.75	+0.35	1.64
Australian Gth	46.76	49.68	+0.31	2.00
Euro Perf	69.76	74.12	+0.17	0.77
Do Acc	69.95	74.32	+0.17	0.77
Euro Smir Co	12.16	12.92	-0.02	1.38
Far East	67.90	72.14	+0.51	0.00
French Gth	37.38	39.72	-0.58	0.37
Hong Kong	24.09	25.60●	+0.28	1.50
Ind Growth	38.29	40.69●	+0.31	1.62
Intl Recovery	115.0	122.2	+0.71	0.85
Japan Perf	103.3	109.7●	+0.87	0.00
Do Acc	103.3	109.7●	+0.87	0.00
Japan Sm Cos	25.46	27.05	+0.20	0.00
Sing Asean Inc	31.34	33.30●	+0.40	0.60
Do Acc	31.36	33.32●	+0.40	0.60
US Smi Co	60.47	64.25●	+0.43	0.00
Do Acc	61.12	64.94●	+0.44	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	47.45	50.07	+0.07	4.76
Intl Inc/Gth	56.62	60.16	+0.09	3.36
Drayton Japan	50.95	53.63	+0.07	0.00
US Income	50.17	53.31	+0.03	4.11
Do Acc	57.27	60.85	-0.01	3.60
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	70.23	72.07	-0.01	8.94
Britannia Arrow (Formerly County Unit Trusts)				
Europe	60.15	63.91	-0.43	0.80
Extra Inc	222.0	235.9●	-0.19	5.13
Financial	176.0	187.0●	+0.18	2.93
Global Inc	62.84	66.77●	+0.54	3.39
Income Gth	53.28	56.61	-0.11	3.72
Int Recovery	141.1	149.9c	+0.91	0.81
N Amer Gth	101.0	107.3	+0.27	1.63

ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealing: 01-638 2531

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Gth Inc	73.07	78.15	-0.20	3.09
Do Acc	86.08	92.07	-0.23	3.11
Pacific Basin	158.0	169.0	+1.29	0.60
Do 6% Withd	75.80	81.06	+0.62	0.62
Finance/Prop	85.11	91.03	+0.39	2.71
Fixed & Conv	51.25	54.82	+0.11	6.63
Do Acc	95.49	102.1	+0.23	6.85
Equity Income	104.9	112.2	+0.05	4.10
Do Acc	260.3	278.4	+0.14	4.17

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eagle	64.35	68.80●	-0.35	1.20
Australian	835.0	891.0	-0.3	0.10

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Aus Gold	22.60	24.04	-0.01	0.00
Pacific Basin	25.04	26.64	+0.78	0.60
Canadian Gth	53.07	56.46	+0.47	0.10
Ginnie Me Fd	95.45	100.40	+0.13	8.50
Penny Share	28.75	30.59●	+0.09	0.59

WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-407 4404

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth Fd	183.8	195.6	+0.6	1.20
Income Fd	112.8	120.0●	+0.5	4.85

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 9085

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Shi Dtd Gilt Fd	77.77	78.75	+0.01	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	53.25	53.29	+0.01	
Challenger	54.06	54.77	+0.01	0.90

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cons & Equity	67.16	71.44	+0.30	6.57
Income	80.62	85.75	+0.37	3.72
Gth	85.77	91.32	+0.27	1.70
Prop Shares	48.82	52.04●	+1.09	1.30
Smaller Cos	62.83	65.84	+0.09	1.63
European	49.19	52.33	+0.23	3.62
Far Eastern	52.93	56.31	+1.03	0.74

The prices in this section refer to Tuesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 75.1 (day's range 75.0-75.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for July 13

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6875-1.6970	1.6905-1.6915	0.28-0.26pr	0.91-0.89pr
Montrl	2.0404-2.0508	2.0404-2.0442	0.12-0.04pr	0.38-0.29pr
Amstrdm	3.5158-3.5268	3.5230-3.5268	1⅝-1½pr	4¾-4⅝pr
Brussels	65.25-65.56	65.35-65.56	20-18pr	58-54pr
Copnhgn	11.8771-11.9192	11.9037-11.9192	1⅝-1pr	5⅜-4⅞pr
Dublin	1.1601-1.1655	1.1635-1.1645	34-24pr	91-78pr
Frankft	3.1156-3.1247	3.1227-3.1247	1⅝-1½pr	4¾-4⅝pr
Lisbon	252.65-254.47	252.65-253.64	38-64ds	108-196ds
Madrid	206.28-207.21	206.75-207.21	5-16ds	9-32ds
Milan	2310.91-2316.09	2313.03-2316.09	1-2ds	3-5ds
Oslo	11.3198-11.3550	11.3399-11.3550	2⅝-3⅛ds	8⅝-8⅞ds
Paris	10.5124-10.5397	10.5284-10.5397	2⅝-2⅛pr	7⅝-7pr
Stckhlm	10.7167-10.7476	10.7313-10.7427	⅛-⅜ds	par-⅜ds
Tokyo	224.58-225.06	224.58-224.88	1⅛-1pr	3⅝-3⅛pr
Vienna	21.92-21.98	21.95-21.98	9⅝-8pr	30⅝-28⅝pr
Zurich	2.5830-2.5922	2.5890-2.5922	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅝-4pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	20.4151-20.5059
Australia dollar	2.1250-2.1290
Bahrain dinar	0.6380-0.6420
Brazil cruzado*	350.28-352.14
Cyprus pound	0.8030-0.8130
Finland marka	7.3725-7.4125
Greece drachma	248.50-250.50
Hong Kong dollar	13.2224-13.2320
India rupee	23.75-23.95
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4765-0.4805
Malaysia ringgit	4.4368-4.4412
Mexico peso	3800-3900
New Zealand dollar	2.5022-2.5075
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3475-6.3875
Singapore dollar	3.4656-3.4697
S Africa rand (fin)	5.8258-5.9316
S Africa rand (com)	4.0486-4.0544
U A E dirham	6.2150-6.2550

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4535-1.4550	Denmark	7.0340-7.0390	Italy	1367.0-1368.0
Singapore	2.0490-2.0500	W Germany	1.8447-1.8454	Belgium (Com)	38.62-38.67
Malaysia	2.6230-2.6240	Switzerland	1.5305-1.5315	Hong Kong	7.8170-7.8180
Australia	1.2562-1.2578	Netherlands	2.0810-2.0820	Portugal	150.20-150.60
Canada	1.2060-1.2070	France	6.2230-6.2260	Spain	122.20-122.30
Sweden	6.3410-6.3460	Japan	132.83-132.93	Austria	12.98-12.99
Norway	6.6980-6.7040				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 10 Finance Hse 8½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8 9/16 Low 5½ Week fixed: 9
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 9 13/16 3 mth — 9⅝
Selling: 2 mth — 9 11/16 3 mth — 9⅝
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 9⅝-9 7/16
2 mth: 9 27/32-7 5/32 3 mth: 9 29/32-9¾ 6 mth 10-9⅞
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 10⅜
2 mth: 10 15/32 3 mth: 10 17/32 6 mth 10⅝
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8½ close 8
1 week: 9-8⅞ 1 mth: 9⅞-9¾ 3 mth: 10 5/16-10⅛
6 mth: 10⅝-10½ 9 mth: 10 11/16-9/16 12 mth: 10⅞-10⅝
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8¾ 7 day: 8⅞ 1 mth: 9 11/16
3 mth: 10¼ 6 mth: 10 9/16 12 mth: 10 11/16
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 9 15/16-11/16 2 mth: 10¼-10 3 mth: 10⅜-10⅛
6 mth: 10⅝-10⅜ 9 mth: 10 9/16-5/16 12 mth: 10⅞-10⅝
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 9⅝-9½
3 mth: 10 3/16-1/16 6 mth: 10⅝-10½ 12 mth 10 7/16-10⅝
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 7.75-7.70
3 mth: 8.00-7.95 6 mth: 8.25-8.20 12 mth 8.40-8.35

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	7⅝-7½	7 13/16-11/16	8⅛-8	8⅜-8¼
Call: 7⅝-6⅝				
Deutschemark:	4⅝-4½	4 11/16-4 9/16	4⅝-4½	5⅛-5
Call: 4¼-3¾				
French Franc:	7 1/16-6 15/16	7¼-7⅛	7 7/16-7 5/16	7⅝-7½
Call: 7½-6½				
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	4 1/16-3 15/16	4¼-4
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	4⅛-4	4¼-4⅛	4¼-4⅛	4⅜-4¼
Call: 3¾-2¾				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $435.75-436.25 Close: $436.25-436.75
High: $438.00-438.50 Low: $433.75-434.25

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $449.00-454.00 (£266.00-269.00)
Krugerrand: $435.00-438.00 (£257.50-259.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $449.00-454.00 (£266.00-269.00)
American Eagles: $449.00-454.00 (£266.00-269.00)
New Sovereigns: $102.50-103.50 (£60.50-61.25)
Old Sovereigns: $102.50-104.00 (£60.50-61.50)
Platinum: $539.00 (£318.85)
Palladium: $122.25 (£72.30)
Silver: $7.02-7.04 (£4.155-4.170)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 30, 1988. Agreed rates July 26, 1988 to August 23, 1988. Scheme I: 10.21 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.12 per cent. Reference rate June 1, 1988 to June 30, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 8.909 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 33686		
Sep 88	89.40	89.40	89.32	89.34	6062
Dec 88	89.45	89.45	89.41	89.43	645
Mar 89	89.52	89.52	89.47	89.50	222
Jun 89	89.50	89.50	89.50	89.63	23
Sep 89	NT	—	—	89.54	0
Dec 89	NT	—	—	89.52	0
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 31856		
Sep 88	91.69	91.74	91.67	91.73	6093
Dec 88	91.36	91.41	91.35	91.41	1049
Mar 89	91.25	91.27	91.23	91.29	720
Jun 89	91.08	91.09	91.08	91.12	50
Sep 89	90.93	90.93	90.93	90.99	16
Dec 89	NT	—	—	90.89	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7903		
Sep 88	86-06	86-24	86-01	86-23	8056
Dec 88	NT	—	—	85-28	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 41415		
Sep 88	94-09	94-14	94-06	94-13	5744
Dec 88	94-17	94-17	94-16	94-20	17
Mar 89	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 9409		
Sep 88	185.70	186.50	185.30	186.40	818
Dec 88	NT	—	—	187.90	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 887		
Sep 88	101.30	101.37	101.24	101.26	1321
Dec 88	NT	—	—	100.06	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

After a brief visit below $14.00 in the am, courtesy of disappointing US inventory figures, Brent rallied in thin pm trade. The strength was largely due to a positive Merc screen, reflecting crack spread trading. Physical product prices were stable in a sluggish market.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	14.15	+20
15 day Jul	14.15	+20
15 day Aug	14.10	+20
WTI Aug	14.65	+5
WTI Sep	14.75	

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		179-181	
Gasoil EEC	+1	125-127	+1
Non 1H Jul		125-127	
Non 2H Aug	+1	126-127	+1
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	63-65	
Naphtha	-2	135-137	-2

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Jul 88 Hi 1215-1199 Low Close 1210
Aug 88 Hi 1305-1280 Low Close 1300
Oct 88 Hi 1419-1395 Low Close 1412
Jan 89 Hi 1435-1415 Low Close 1440
Vol 471 lots Open Interest 2687
Dry cargo index 1180.0 -3.0 on 12/7/88

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Aug	126.25-26.00
Sep	126.50-26.00
Oct	128.25-28.00
Nov	129.50-29.25
Dec	130.25-30.00
Jan	130.00-29.25
Feb	131.75-28.00
Mar	132.75-28.00
Apr	132.75-28.00
Vol	6958

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter
Jul unq
Aug
Vol 0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	85.70	84.50
Feb	95.50	93.00
Apr	127.00	127.10
May	138.00	137.00
		Vol 381

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Jul 1025-1020 May 1036-1035
Sep 1038-1037 Jul 1050-1045
Dec 1031-1030 Sep 1067-1060
Mar 1027-1025 Vol 15208

COFFEE G W Joynson
Jul 1089-1085 Mar 1165-1162
Sep 1115-1113 May 1180-1175
Nov 1125-1124 Jul 1200-1180
Jan 1146-1144 Vol 3729

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 7782
Aug 342.0-45.0 Mar 305.6-06.0
Oct 228.6-28.8 May 296.2-97.0
Dec 312.0-16.0 Aug 290.0-94.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 304
Jl 107.50 Sp 106.70 Nv 109.30
Ja 112.30 Mr 114.55 My 116.75
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 69
Sp 101.90 Nv 104.90 Ja 108.00
Mr 110.35 My 112.15

SOYABEAN
Aug 185.0-82.0 Apr 191.0-89.0
Oct 185.0-84.0 Jun 185.0-78.0
Dec 188.0-87.0 Aug 186.0-78.0
Feb 191.0-89.0 Vol 190

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1280.0-1284.0	1271.0-1272.0	334850	Steadier
Copper Stand	1255.0-1265.0	1230.0-1240.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	360.50-362.00	361.00-362.00	53650	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	693.00-694.00	680.00-681.00	85900	Erratic
Silver Large†	693.00-693.50	706.00-708.00	12	Quiet
Silver Small†	693.00-693.50	706.00-708.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1505.0-1506.0	1457.0-1458.0	228225	Easier
Aluminium Hi*	2660.0-2680.0	2600.0-2620.0	17450	Quiet
Nickel*	13900-13950	13800-13850	8288	Brly Stdy

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	89.50	89.50
Oct	93.30	93.30
Nov	95.00	95.00
Feb	94.90	94.90

Live Cattle Contract
Jul unq
Aug unq
Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on July 13

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	70.52	186.43	112.89
GB (+/-)	-0.21	-2.85	+2.42
Eng/Wal (%)	-4.4	+4.2	+18.2
Eng/Wal (p)	70.57	187.37	112.17
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-0.15	-3.38	+2.33
Scotland (%)	+16.1	+13.4	-12.4
Scotland (p)	67.27	181.98	115.25
Scotland (+/-)	-4.38	+0.04	+8.27

* Estimated dead carcase weight

Today the Prince of Wales opens the new headquarters of an organization that helps to develop third-world economies

The aid target is set at £180m a year

The Commonwealth Development Corporation, which has long been relatively inconspicuous at its cramped headquarters in Mayfair, central London, this year takes on a higher profile. It is celebrating its 40th anniversary by moving into a grand, specially designed building in Bessborough Gardens, just north of Vauxhall Bridge, and this headquarters is to be formally opened today by the Prince of Wales.

The move is a sign of confidence by an organization which has not always had a smooth ride in the course of the last four decades, but has had a successful record overall, and has had a marked impact on countries around the world, from *Malawi to* Papua New Guinea and Jamaica.

Essentially a development bank, it has the function of helping third-world economies. Many of them have profited from its involvement.

The CDC's history goes back to the difficult days of the postwar period. Since then it has had to broaden its role in order to survive. But the guiding principles on which it now operates, first set out in the late 1940s and modified in the 1950s, are now more than ever felt to be vindicated in a world in which the collectivist approach to development is increasingly discredited, and the private sector is looked on more favourably.

The CDC is far from being the biggest operator in the field of third-world development, but it is well-respected and, crucially, it claims proudly to have made a profit on its operations every year since 1955.

It is not a grant-giving institution; it works on the principle that by investing in projects in a particular country, or making loans, it is doing two things: helping that country's economy and, it hopes, making a profit for itself that can then be put to use in further operations in other needy areas.

It receives funds each year from the aid budget of the Overseas Development Administration — £50 million in the current financial year. But these are only loans and, though the interest rate is set low, they have to be repaid. The difference between the rate at which it borrows its money and the return which it achieves on it is what enables the CDC to be profitable.

Its worldwide presence, made up of loans, investments and commitments for the future, is now more than £1 billion. It is making new commitments each year of more than £100 million, though there has recently tended to be a gap between the making of a commitment and the actual disbursement of funds.

The CDC is moving to a new building on its 40th birthday. Peter Strafford describes an institution that has made its mark across the world and is full of confidence

In his report on 1987 Lord Kindersley, the chairman, attributed this largely to the difficulty many governments were having in finding the local currency to honour their part in each financial plan. "This, in turn," he said, "reflects the problems they are having in balancing their internal and external budgets."

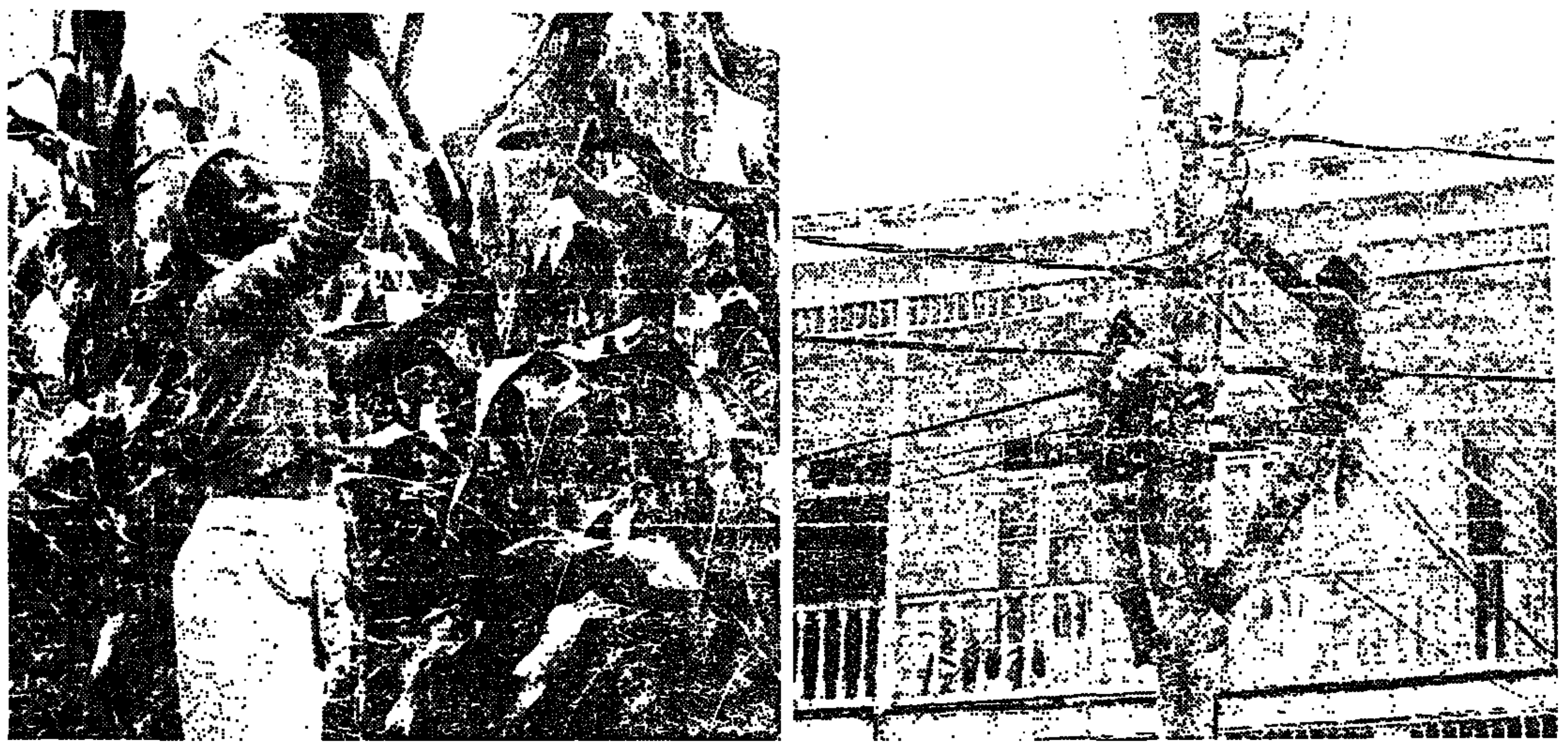
These days the CDC has to look for viable projects in which to involve itself. There is a degree of competition with other potential investors, though also cooperation with comparable development banks, mainly in Europe, in making joint investments.

But the corporation is keen to expand its operations, and Lord Kindersley outlined its main objectives: to expand new commitments to £180 million a year; to increase the percentage going to the poorest countries from 50 per cent to 60 per cent; to reduce commitments to agricultural development from 50 per cent to 40 per cent; and to ensure that not less than two-thirds are in *Commonwealth countries*, plus Pakistan.

The CDC believes that it has distinctive features of its own to offer. John Eccles, the general manager, makes the point that making an equity investment, as CDC often does, involves a greater risk than just making a loan; and that unlike the European Investment Bank, for instance, the CDC is ready to assume the risk of investment without asking for a guarantee from the government concerned.

A further important point is that not only has it the ability to provide technical expertise, but it often takes over the complete management of a project itself.

Given the source of its funds, and the need to account to the government for them, the corporation has to act in broad accordance with British foreign policy. As Mr Eccles puts it, "We are here to promote the British public interest". But within that guideline it has a considerable degree of autonomy.



Third-world development: a Tanzanian farm labourer detassles seed maize; telephone technicians expand communications in Belize

Helping hand circles the globe

When it was first set up in 1948 the CDC was the Colonial Development Corporation. Its brief was to promote *the development of colonial territories* — which by that time no longer included India and Pakistan — and in a way which was not an undue burden on the exchequer, *writes Peter Strafford.*

Those were the days of acute shortage of foreign exchange, and the Overseas Food Corporation was set up at the same time to encourage food production in the sterling area. The OFC was later wound up after the failure of the groundnuts scheme in what was then Tanganyika. The CDC also made some ill-judged investments.

But in 1950 Lord Reith, late of the BBC, became chairman of the CDC, and was responsible over the next few years for a far-reaching reorganization *of its operations, at home and abroad.*

Costa Rica: A farmer growing macadamia nuts

In 1963, after a battle in Whitehall, the CDC, instead of going into extinction like the Colonial Office, became the Commonwealth Development Corporation, with the right to operate in independent countries. In 1969 its scope was further enlarged, when it was given the right to invest in developing countries outside the Commonwealth, subject to ministerial approval.

Today it is active in 50 territories and countries, most of them in the Commonwealth but including a number outside, among them Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand in Asia, Liberia, the Ivory Coast and Cameroon in Africa, and Costa Rica, Honduras and Ecuador in Latin America. The latest addition is Mozambique.

The greatest share of its commitments — £460 million, or nearly 50 per cent of the total — is in Africa. This is followed by Asia with £288 million, the Pacific islands £107 million, Latin America £79 million, and the Caribbean £73 million.

Traditionally, about 50 per cent of the CDC's activities have been in agriculture, or "renewable natural resources". But the planned reduction of this share to 40 per cent reflects the greater emphasis being placed on industrial projects as these begin to play a greater part in the economies of *the developing countries.*

From its earliest days, the corporation has been involved in utilities — electricity in a number of Caribbean islands, for instance, and water services and telecommunications. It has also had a large hand in the setting up and functioning of mortgage finance companies: in the 1960s, civil servants of the newly independent countries often had help in buying their houses from CDC-financed operations.

Another area of activity has been local development banks in third-world countries, which have "on-lent" funds that originally came from the CDC. This, too, is a continuing process: in India, for instance, which has only recently become part of the corporation's field of activities, two new commitments are to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India and the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India.

There have been failures as well as successes. The CDC got its fingers burnt in Nigeria, where it did not receive the backing it had hoped for from the federal government for a sugar project; and it subsequently closed its regional office there when a requirement was introduced that it should come under Nigerian control.

More recently there has been what Lord Kindersley describes as "a disturbing rise in arrears of principal and interest".

But the difficulties have been outweighed by the successful ventures, and John Eccles, the general manager, describes the CDC as the "jewel in the British aid crown". One example of a success story is Swaziland, where the CDC became active in the early 1950s, after it had been decided that it and the other British protectorates were not to be absorbed into South Africa.

The CDC built up the sugar industry, which it still manages, and helped to set up a forestry project in the Western Highlands, combined with a mill which it ran with Courtauld's.

Another successful operation was in Sabah, now part of Malaysia, where the CDC took over a hemp estate, Borneo Abaca. Now known as BAL Plantations, it is still wholly owned and managed by CDC, and has been turned into a successful multi-crop operation, pioneering new methods of reproduction through cloning.

For the future the CDC draws confidence from the fact that in Africa, in particular, there is a move away from the collectivist approach which was generally seen as the way forward in the period after independence. This must favour institutions like the CDC, interested in backing the private sector.

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Building a new future in wood

From Geoffrey Spencer in Suva

Despite two military coups, the declaration of a republic and a spiralling downturn in the rest of the economy, one of the Commonwealth Development Corporation's more ambitious projects is on budget and set to break even next year.

Tropik Wood Industries could not have had a more uncertain start. On May 14, 1987, just one day before the official opening of the company's 50-million Fijian dollar (about £20 million) woodchip and timber mill, Sitiveni Rabuka, the army strongman, marched into parliament and took over what had been the most stable country in the South Pacific.

Though other industry was badly hurt by the ensuing political and social unrest, Tropik was able to remain true to its aim of giving Fiji a lucrative export alternative to its century-old sugar industry.

Symbolically, Tropik's sawmill, near the town of Drasa, stands in the middle of a vast plain of gently swaying sugar-cane fields on the western side of the main island of Viti Levu.

Thirty years ago, when the CDC first came to Fiji, the hillsides surrounding this lushness were barren; their poor soils able to sustain only the hardiest of native scrub.

Today, this once desolate horizon has been painted green with *pinus caribaea*, a fast-growing Central American softwood. These trees are now the feedstock for Tropik, which expects to process 220,000 cubic metres of logs into 40,000 cu. m. of high-quality timber and 132,000 cu. m. of woodchip this year.

With a projected 1988 turnover of 15 million Fijian dollars, the Drasa mill has more than doubled the country's wood product output, with exports to Japan, Australia and New Zealand, plus growing sales to the local building industry.

At CDC's office in the capital, Suva, Charles Seller, the Pacific Islands representative, is also responsible for projects in the neighbouring island states of Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

But he sees Tropik as an example of almost copybook development work, where detailed planning and management based on strict economic criteria have resulted in a strong new industry resistant to outside problems.

Tropik is 51 per cent owned by the Fiji government. Its Fiji Pine Commission financed the controlling interest by means of a £4.16 million loan from the CDC and similar help from the European Investment Bank.

A good development project is one that can evolve in its own time and as it learns to cope, takes on more

In return, each lending institution has a 10 per cent shareholding, while the managing agent, BP South West Pacific, holds 29 per cent.

Though it is regarded internationally as a medium-sized mill, the Drasa operation is nevertheless advanced technologically with lasers and computers.

"Just because a product is made in the Third World, that doesn't mean it has to be made in a third-world way," says Allan Todd, the Tropik company secretary.

Since it is faced with relatively high labour costs (Fijian wages are around 11 times higher than those of Indonesia), the accent has been on efficiency through innovation and conservation. For example, with many trees twisted by year after year of tropical hurricanes, Drasa is about to install revolutionary machinery that can strip bent logs and saw them into straight planks.

With what cannot be sawn and chipped for export, the only part of the tree not exported is bark. But even this is used as fuel for a steam turbine generator which produces 3.3 megawatts — more than the plant currently needs — at virtually no cost.

"Our pine has the potential to put timber up fairly close to sugar as the generator of export income by the turn of the century," says Josevata Kamikamica, a former chairman of Tropik and now Finance Minister.

Meanwhile, there is talk of expansion. Wooden fence posts are already being made, and plans for box manufacture have been drafted along with more complicated, and therefore more profitable, assembly work.

"The potential for added value is tremendous," says Simon Hill, a CDC agriculture executive. "A good development project is one that can evolve in its own time. As it learns to cope, it can take on more."

But at times coping has been difficult. About 4,000 hectares of forest were destroyed by arson and some mill machinery sabotaged at the height of Fiji's troubles last year. In addition, some exports were blocked for several weeks by Australian and New Zealand trade unions protesting at the military takeover.

If set against western standards, Tropik's progress may seem rather ordinary. But compared with the CDC's other ventures in the neighbouring Melanesian nations of Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, it is almost space-age.

With the exception of a palm oil press in the Solomons, there is no secondary industry. Instead, commodities such as coffee and cocoa are sent abroad largely unprocessed.

But the rewards are far from negligible. This is especially so for the 900 employed in the Solomons and the 522 in Vanuatu on CDC-managed plantations.

The mark of achievement: *Papua New Guinea's oil palm nursery at Higaturu Oil Palms Pty Ltd*, top, and above, experimental wheat plots at the Tanganyika Wattle Company in Tanzania

Tightrope road in Malaysia

From M. G. G. Pillai in Kuala Lumpur

The Commonwealth Development Corporation, through its transformation from a development agency for the British colonies to one for the Third World, has been in Malaysia almost since it was founded in 1948. Its office in Kuala Lumpur is also in charge of *projects in Singapore, Indonesia*, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, but its main projects are in Malaysia, a member of the Commonwealth.

The CDC functions as a development bank and a development agency, with the profits of one subsidising the other. But, as Richard Beacham, the regional controller, pointed out in an interview, many of its development projects, noticeably BAL Plantations in Sabah, have become profitable.

Over the years its emphasis on projects has changed, and its involvement more selective. "At one time, the governments and private companies had to come to us because we were among one or two in the field," he said, "but now we are one of many".

The CDC has committed about £215 million to projects in the five countries looked after from Kuala Lumpur, with the main emphasis on Indonesia and Malaysia. It provides both technical services and direct management in all fields.

"We have to walk a tightrope of undertaking high-value development projects that other companies may not be interested in and pay our own way," Mr Beacham said. The CDC invests in a number of projects, divesting its shares as they take off.

It was involved in the setting up of a Federal Land Development Authority, the ambitious scheme that is one of the world's largest, and in a number of other projects that remain the pride of the Malaysian government. These include the Malaysian Industrial Development Finance, in which CDC retains a small stake, and the *Malaysia Borneo Building* Society, which was floated on the stock market more than a decade ago.

Because of its long-term approach to development, some of its riskier ventures have paid off. It went into cocoa in Malaysia before it became a glamour crop, and its research facilities at BAL Plantations, a once Japanese-owned hemp estate which it took over after the Second World War, are rated the best in Malaysia.

On the other hand an attempt to rear beef cattle on a commercial ranch, in partnership with a state government in Malaysia, has not quite taken off because India is now supplying the meat cheaper than *it can be* produced locally. So its prospects do appear bleak. But then so did those of cocoa before it took off, Mr Beacham said.

At present it is looking into the possibility of commercial cultivation of rattan in Sarawak. Almost every country in Southeast Asia *bans, or* otherwise restricts, the export of rattan, but there is little local interest in developing the crop. But Mr Beacham is not concerned by all this. He takes the view that once the commercial viability is evident, others will follow.

The CDC's projects in the other countries follow the approach it adopts in Malaysia, although the emphasis varies from country to country. In Malaysia it is still mainly on commodities, while in Indonesia it is on industry, though there is a mixture of projects that gives it a rounded presence in each country.

"We are known for our interest in any venture that, with good management, expertise and advice, can be made profitable. We are prepared to take a long-term view of that. Even private companies are beginning to see the advantage of this approach, and we are often asked for help", Mr Beacham said.

The CDC in Malaysia and south-east Asia is not a glamour agency, but it does play an essential role of harnessing available resources in the best way possible.

Many people in Kuala Lumpur are unaware where the CDC has its offices. It is on the floor above that of *Aeroflot, the Soviet airline. But* its reputation within the government and private sector is what gives CDC the clout it has both in Malaysia and the other countries in the region.

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Neo-Georgian move to mark a new era

Nine million pounds has been spent by the CDC on its HQ

It is perhaps symbolic that the CDC's new headquarters, a stylish neo-Georgian building in Bessborough Gardens, in central London, stands in an area which was in the past a good deal less salubrious than it is now, and has more than once been reclaimed by developers, *writes Peter Strafford.*

The site is part of the Millbank estate in Pimlico, on the north bank of the Thames, which now belongs to the Crown Estate and is a good example of the changing character of London neighbourhoods. For centuries the whole area was little more than an expanse of fens and marshes. It was a good place for duck and snipe, and for growing vegetables, but apart from that it attracted little attention until 1610, when the Spring Gardens were opened across the river at Vauxhall. The crowds wanting to go there took the ferry from Millbank.

In 1799 it was decided that the area would make a good site for a prison, and the Commissioners of Woods and Forests, predecessors of the Crown Estate Commissioners, bought 53 acres from the Marquess of Salisbury for £12,000. The Millbank Penitentiary was built on about one-third of the site, and the rest of it, still needing proper drainage, was given over to market gardening.

In 1816 the present Vauxhall Bridge was built. Later in the century the prison was demolished, to be replaced by the Millbank barracks and the Tate Gallery.

The possibility of using the rest of the Millbank site for urban development became a real one between 1826 and 1828, when earth from the excavations at St Katharine's Dock, near the Tower of London, was deposited there. This had the effect of raising the level of the ground, and in 1837 Thomas Cubitt, the London developer, was asked to submit a plan. Cubitt had already made his mark with his plans for the Bedford estate in Bloomsbury and Lord Grosvenor's Belgravia estate. He presented his plan for Millbank in 1838, revised it in 1845 and, having acquired a 99-year building lease from the Commissioners of Woods and Forests, laid out a residential estate which has marked the area ever since.

Cubitt presents his Millbank plan

Over the years, however, it went downhill. Deterioration had already set in in 1928 when a high tide and heavy rainfall led to the flooding of many of the basements and the drowning of several tenants. During the Second World War a number of buildings were hit by bombs. Others had to be demolished because of decrepitude. In recent years, therefore, there has been an extensive rebuilding programme for the Millbank estate, and 1 Bessborough Gardens, the new home of the CDC, is one of the showpieces of it. Its neo-Georgian style is in keeping with Cubitt's own designs, and it faces other houses in a similar style across the gardens.

For the CDC, which has the building on a 35-year lease and has spent a total of £9 million on it, it will mean a change of operating style. Since 1951 the corporation has had its headquarters in Hill Street, Mayfair, but many of the offices were cramped, and others were in a separate building. Now, with open-plan offices, new furniture and carefully conceived décor, it is embarking on a new era.

How African states can earn foreign money

From Alastair Matheson in Nairobi

The bulk of the CDC's financial commitment is in Africa, where projects are supported in 19 countries and a total of £460 million is committed currently. Since last year almost two-thirds of all new allocations have gone to this continent.

Though most of the investment still goes to the 15 Commonwealth member states, the CDC also has authority to operate in certain other African countries. The most recent addition is Mozambique, where it is hoped to begin by helping British companies in the agricultural sector.

Other investments are in Liberia, Sudan, the Ivory Coast and Cameroon.

Over the years there has been a deliberate attempt to diversify investment, with the result that CDC-financed projects now cover a wide range — from farming and ranching to communications and tourism. One of Africa's tiniest states, Swaziland, has no fewer than nine types of project supported by the CDC.

Due to the crucial shortage of foreign currency in many countries on the continent today, one of the corporation's aims is to encourage projects which earn significant foreign exchange. So large sums have been invested in export crop activities, especially those in which smallholders can play an important role such as tea, coffee and sugar-cane.

Kenya has benefited from almost three decades of CDC operations. Even before independence, it took a bold gamble by investing in a pioneer project to grow tea on a smallholder basis.

It began in 1960 on the well-watered highlands — the Nyambeni Hills north-east of Mount Kenya. It has since spread to both sides of the Rift Valley, where the Kenya Tea Development Authority now has a chain of tea factories in which CDC has some shares. More than 150,000 growers derive a substantial income from tea, and their processed leaf forms a large part of tea exports, Kenya's second largest source of foreign exchange.

Similarly, CDC investment since 1969 has helped to rehabilitate hundreds of coffee-pulping factories and to build 55 new ones.

In the sugar-growing areas of western Kenya which Mrs Margaret Thatcher visited earlier this year, she was most impressed by the CDC-aided project at Mumias. In addition to a sugar factory with a rated capacity of 180,000 tonnes of sugar a year, the project gives employment to 30,000 "outgrowers" who supply much of the cane from within a 30-mile radius.

Tourism, another important source of foreign exchange for Africa, is a sector in which CDC has been operating more recently with assistance to hotels and game lodges, not only in Kenya but also in Malawi, the Seychelles and the Gambia.

Though housing finance projects yield no foreign exchange and have relatively low returns, this is nevertheless a field in which the CDC has felt obliged to be active, seeing it as necessary to stability and progress.

Nairobi today has the largest private housing project anywhere in Africa, the complex at Buru Buru. This has grown on the city's eastern outskirts to become a community of 5,000 houses.

Though building costs have risen to more than 10 times what they were when this CDC-funded project started in 1973, the two, three and four bedroom terrace houses, sold on a mortgage basis to lower-income buyers through the CDC-funded Housing Finance Company of Kenya, still provide the best value for money. Ian Lane, CDC's project manager at Buru Buru, is now busy with plans for yet another housing scheme, just a couple of miles from Buru Buru. The 7,000 houses planned at the new Kayole Estate will be built on a no-frills basis so they can be made available for purchase on mortgage to a lower-paid group than those living at Buru Buru.

"We'll give them a roof over their heads, plus services like water and electricity, but the owners can add the finishing touches when they can afford them". These "finishing touches" include fittings such as window pelmets, tiled floors and plaster for the interior walls.

When visiting Buru Buru while in Kenya last year, the Prince of Wales, then a member of the CDC board, called on Mr and Mrs Riarch in their three-bedroom house in Tongonga Lane.

That royal visit had a dramatic effect on Buru Buru, for the accumulation of rubbish over the years had been removed by the city authorities at the last minute when the estate was being smartened up for the occasion. However, despite the pleasant setting of bright-red Roman tiles and the yellow walls of the houses, most open spaces are again piled with rubbish.

There seems to be no communal effort to deal with the piles of rubbish, but the residents of Buru Buru have in many cases clubbed together to deal with the important problem of security against thieves.

Sowing the seeds of re-growth

As well as Kenya, seven African countries have benefited from smaller housing schemes financed by the CDC. Recently countries in central and southern Africa have been receiving increased funding from it. The Indian Ocean island of Mauritius, now in a "boom" period, is thriving on its new textile industry.

Countries with ailing economies are being helped to rehabilitate agriculture (tea and sugar estates in Uganda) and their industries (Tanzania, Zambia and Swaziland). In Malawi funds are going to new rubber plantations. With 24 African countries all seeking to expand, the CDC has its hands full deciding where future funding will do most good.

Some African countries, disillusioned with the poor performance of some of their state corporations — parastatals — have begun to dismantle them. Seeing itself as a kind of halfway house between public and private sectors, the CDC has been involving itself increasingly in providing not only finance, but management expertise, to some countries for the rehabilitation of these institutions.

The corporation is now investigating what assistance it can give to Zimbabwe's expanding chemical industry. It is also exploring the possibilities for broadening Kenya's light-industrial base now that the import-substitution phase appears to have ended successfully and the government is putting more emphasis on export promotion.

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Forty years of success and set to expand

John Eccles, general manager of the CDC, looks to the future

The CDC is planning for the future from a sound base – 40 years of successful development in a world where the pace of change has been unprecedented. From its early days, through concentrating largely on Commonwealth countries, and now working in a number of other countries as well, CDC has adapted to change its role in the developing world.

Today the corporation is a major co-financier with partners who include local entrepreneurs, British business interests, governments, banks and other development agencies. The CDC has investments and commitments of £1 billion in some 300 projects worldwide.

The challenge that faces the CDC now is the need to keep a strong development focus in an increasingly complex environment.

The CDC, as always, remains committed to looking for projects which are financially and economically viable, financially sustainable and which offer good development value – creating increased opportunities for the country concerned.

What can the CDC offer to encourage other organizations to join us in the productive deployment of development finance? We will continue to provide more than money – more than sound appraisal and financial planning – to projects. The CDC often provides management and always a wide range of services including engineering, natural resources, marketing, legal and procurement.

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Many countries are finding it difficult to achieve satisfactory rates of economic growth.

There has been a reduction in the involvement of commercial banks in the financing of projects and a greater percentage involvement in lending overall by official development finance institutions led by the World Bank and the IMF. The debt problems that have arisen have brought a period of much greater caution, both on the side of the lenders and on the side of the borrowers, and at the same time the role of governments has become questioned. Meanwhile we have seen an increasing and welcome emphasis on the private sector.

It is against this background that the CDC plans for the future. We have the backing of the British government. Our portfolio continues to grow, our cash flow is satisfactory and our funding position looks secure. For the future, a number of features stand out.

First, there is the geographic split of our portfolio between Africa, Asia, the Pacific, the Caribbean and Latin America. The split is much the same as it has been historically. There is going to be one great difference, which will be the growing importance of India and Pakistan.

When we look at the sector split, the split between agriculture, industry, utilities, hotels, housing finance and development banks, we again find that the position is very much the same as it has been in the past.

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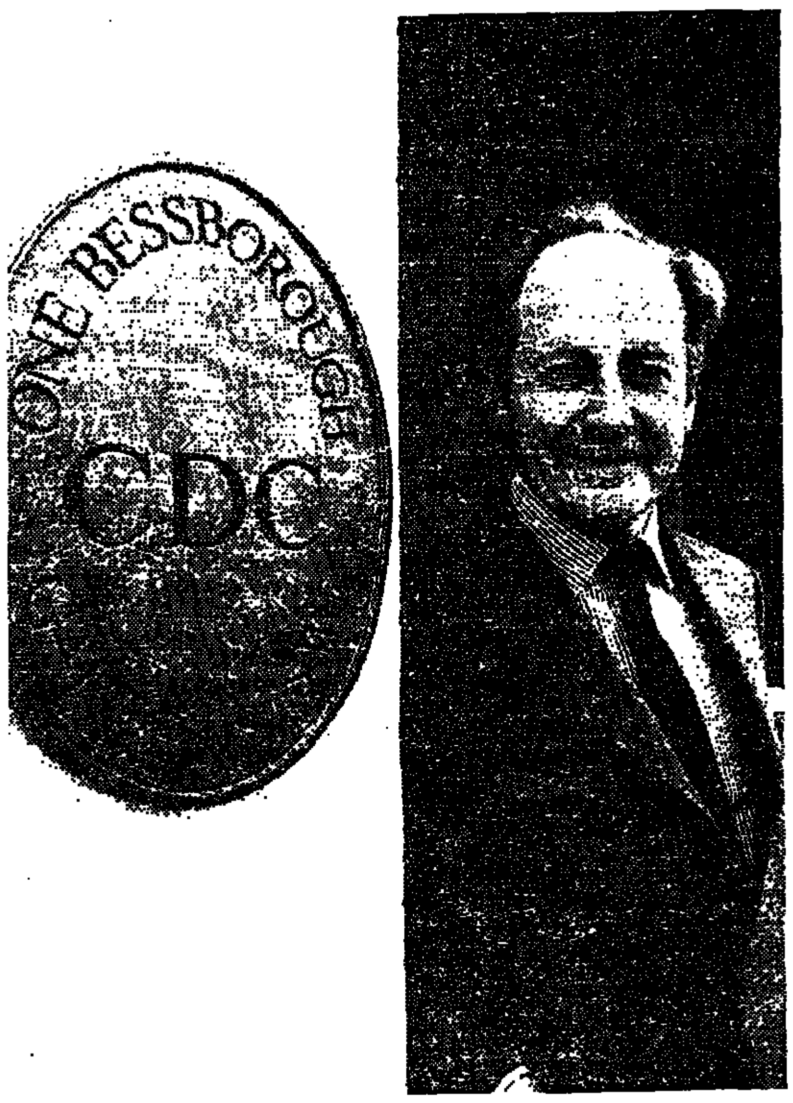
John Eccles: We are ready with new ideas and new methods. We will be seeking to expand our commitment to new types of projects

We plan to increase the amount of new business overall. The 18 CDC offices overseas will be at the forefront of the search for more new business, supported by the operations and technical departments in London. We will be seeking to expand our technical ability and our commitment to new types of projects and new sectors.

We will be looking to familiar solutions – particularly electricity, water and telecommunications, and our commitment to agriculture and to the primary processing of agricultural products – but also to new solutions, through developing business in industry and in smaller states; via equity and the private sector; by developing existing managed projects and in many other ways.

Today, after 40 successful years, the CDC is looking forward to continuing and expanding its development work. As our task becomes more complex so our approaches need to become more sophisticated and flexible. We are ready with new ideas and new methods, but always building on the experience of the past, and without sacrificing the long-term commitment which has always been associated with our name.

The new London office, with its neo-classical exterior and its modern, high-tech. interior, sums up this blend of experience and innovation which is the CDC.

Fern that grew profit

By Tony Avirgan in San Jose, Costa Rica

High on the slopes of Poas, a smoking volcano in central Costa Rica, lies a narrow valley, hidden in cloud and gradually being covered with sheets of black plastic.

It is not a new work by Cristo, the artist given to bedecking landmarks in plastic sheeting. It is the work of the Commonwealth Development Corporation, and the valley is owned by Fernexport, one of a dozen Latin American enterprises, in both the public and private sectors, receiving help from the CDC.

Fernexport produces leather-leaf fern to be used in flower arrangements in western Europe. It is privately owned, but it fits in perfectly with the "agriculture of change" policy of President Oscar Arias, who is struggling to promote cash-crop production to help his country acquire vital foreign exchange.

Sean Magee, the Latin American representative of the CDC, said that Señor Arias's agricultural master plan was not considered when it was decided to lend Fernexport $1.2 million to get started. "But if we find something that's economically viable and also fits in with the government's plans," Mr Magee explained, "it makes it all the better."

The owner of Fernexport is Sergio Estrada, a university-educated agronomist, who previously grew rice and raised milk cows, and is more than enthusiastic about the CDC. "It's a bank," he said. "But a bank that wants to help, not exploit."

In 1986, Señor Estrada was faced with a problem. He knew that there was an export market for leather-leaf ferns, but he needed financing in foreign exchange to import tractors, refrigeration equipment and 20 hectares of the special black, woven plastic sheeting under which ferns grow best.

Costa Rica's nationalized banks are slow and poor. "They keep you waiting for over a year, and then say 'No'", Señor Estrada complains. "Or they might say 'Yes, but we don't have the money'."

Costa Rica's private banks do not lend dollars and in any case charge up to 25 per cent interest.

Señor Estrada contacted the CDC and negotiated a 10-year loan at 10 per cent annual interest. In keeping with CDC policy he had to raise 40 per cent of the project financing on his own, and he did this by taking on two Costa Rican investors as partners.

At work in a Costa Rican fern garden: With CDC help, an export market is now being supplied

Now Fernexport is thriving and is expected soon to be earning $1.3 million in gross income. And 60 local peasants have year-round employment, unlike the two or three months per year that local coffee-picking provides.

President Arias is happy because 100 per cent of Fernexport's income is in much-needed dollars. Mr Magee is happy because Fernexport should easily be able to pay back its loan, and it stands as an example of just what the CDC strives to achieve in Latin America.

Mr Magee agrees that the CDC is like a bank, but he allows the comparison to go only so far. "We're more active than a bank", he said. He explains that the CDC assumes a vigorous management role in the projects it funds, sometimes even providing the management team for the initial stages, and always keeping a close eye on progress.

On a recent morning, for instance, at Señor Estrada's request, a CDC London-based soil expert, who was touring the region, visited Fernexport.

He discovered suspected soil deficiencies that, if left uncorrected, could result in financial disaster for Fernexport. Soil samples were taken back to London for analysis.

Costa Rica was the first Latin American country in which the CDC began to operate when its aid programme was expanded to reach beyond the Commonwealth in 1969. Mr Magee said it was chosen because of its political stability, small size, in which results can be readily seen, and its need for the relatively modest financing CDC could offer.

Now the CDC also funds six projects in Belize, four in Honduras and two in Ecuador, as well as the six in Costa Rica.

The projects range from a palm-oil scheme deep in the Amazon jungle of Ecuador to the replacement of deteriorating water mains in a low-income district of the Costa Rican capital, San Jose, and financing the purchase by the manager of the landmark Fort George Hotel in Belize. The hotel was built by the CDC in 1952 and, until its recent sale, was CDC-run.

Another factor that distinguishes the CDC from Latin American commercial banks is concern for the environment. Mr Magee said that environmental-impact studies are undertaken on all potential CDC investments.

Avoiding politics is also a basic principle of CDC policy, but a difficult one to uphold in politically volatile Latin America. Even selecting public or private sector projects to finance is a political statement.

Mr Magee said the CDC strives to strike a balance between the public and private sectors, but admitted the balance sways one way or the other depending on the politics of the resident of 10 Downing Street. At the moment, private-sector projects are looked on favourably.

Ties that don't bind

An unusual aspect of CDC financing, appreciated by recipients accustomed to dealing with "tied" American aid, is the absence of an obligation to buy British goods and services. At Fernexport, amid the Italian tractors and a US-made refrigeration system, the only British products are an old Land Rover and a specialized tractor seat.

Sean Magee, the CDC's Latin American representative, said: "Our philosophy is to help the project rather than to help British exporters." Recipients of CDC financing are only requested to allow British exporters to engage in competitive bidding.

Correction

A picture caption in a Special Report on June 27 incorrectly said that some Holsten Pils is brewed in Britain. It is brewed only in West Germany

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

July 14, 1988

Roger Dawe, director-general of the Training Commission, the former Manpower Services Commission, talks to Edward Fennell about challenges in the 1990s

Make maximum use of talent as the young workforce diminishes

If you thought that 1992 was all you had to worry about, prepare for a big shock. The single European market may be a tremendous opportunity, but the huge drop in the number of young people and the rising demand for college leavers in the years 1993 to 1997 could be a serious threat to the competitiveness of British industry. It is vital that employers make appropriate plans now.

The 1990s may hold out glowing prospects but their most significant feature will be a great demographic downturn. A joint report published earlier this week by the National Economic Development Office and the Training Commission – *Young People and the Labour Market: A Challenge for the 1990s* – underlined just how serious the problem will be. From a total of more than 880,000 in 1985 the number of 18-year-olds has started to fall progressively. By 1990 it will have dropped to about 650,000.

These are not speculative projections. They are firm figures fixed at the end of the 1960s when young women of child-bearing age decided to postpone motherhood or at least have smaller families. On present form it will be 20 years or so before we get back to our present number of school and college leavers.

The result is that in the mid-1990s this country will face a severe shortfall of new entrants to the workforce at all ages and all levels. In particular it may be difficult to satisfy the rising demand for people to fill high-skill jobs because from next year the number of graduates will start tailing off. By 1998 the problem is likely to have reached crisis proportions.

For us this is a real challenge. The Training Commission has the task of helping to secure a skilled and adaptable workforce for the nation but the progressive decline in new recruits will pose a real threat to that goal.

Our immediate priority is to alert employers to exactly what will hit them. A recent survey conducted for the Training Commission showed that only 15 per cent of employers were aware of the problem. So we are now starting a huge education job to bring home to them just how serious the shortage of new recruits could become.

I hope that, once forewarned, employers will become forearmed. At the moment well qualified young people at the graduate and professional level are in enormous demand. Fields such as accountancy, science, teaching and engineering just cannot get enough of them. And that trend will continue. So it is vital that employers start to plan now in order to cope *with the tightening labour market* for young people and higher skills.

There are several things that individual employers can do to prepare for the mid-1990s.

FIRST, they can strengthen their own position in the recruitment market-place by improving their links with universities and polytechnics through closer collaboration and co-operation.

SECONDLY, they can try to make better use of the graduates and other employees they do recruit. The Constable and Handy Reports have shown that the training of our young managers is way behind those of our industrial rivals. Employers should do much more to give proper training to graduates to help them to reach their full potential.

AND THIRDLY, they must *look more closely at all their* existing employees to see how the untapped talent that lies hidden there can be developed.

Developing the talents of the workforce was, of course, one of the perennial themes of the Manpower Services Commission and it will continue to be central to the role of the Training Commission. In any case, given the likely shortage of graduates in relation to rising skill requirements, many employers will be forced to look elsewhere for people to fill the traditional graduate slots.

This is something I am keen to encourage. Many members of the workforce are capable of taking on more responsibility if given the chance and the training. Older non-graduate workers must, therefore, be encouraged and helped to achieve higher qualifications. At *the same time employers should* adopt a more "open" policy of initial recruitment.

Although the number of school and college leavers will decline in the 1990s the number of people aged between 25 and 35 will grow. It is important that we should open out opportunities to people in this age range who entered the labour market in much more difficult times.

I have in mind particularly women returners, many of whom will be graduates anyway, and those with "technician-level" qualifications who can step up to higher skill and management posts through extra training. Through greater openness and better use of the education system people with good practical experience can be enabled to reach higher standards.

In encouraging employers to *take radical steps to develop their* existing workforce I do not ignore the role that the universities, polytechnics and the Training Commission itself can play.

The Government is already committed to increasing the "participation rate" of young people in higher education so as to bring the UK more into line with the United States, Japan and West Germany. But over and beyond this the Training Commission is encouraging admissions tutors to throw a wider net when they are recruiting undergraduates.

We would like to see more value given to non-traditional qualifications and a widening of access to higher education. This does not involve diluting standards but it does require a broader view of who might benefit from degree-level courses.

A good example of this is in engineering where the dangerous shortfall in the number of chartered and incorporated engineers led the National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education to launch last autumn its HITECC conversion courses. These one-year courses, for which grants are available from the Training Commission, enable students who lack the normal admission requirements to gain entry on to degree and Higher National Diploma courses in engineering. So far they seem to be working very successfully.

On the same theme the Training Commission is now urging professional institutions to reduce rigidities and artificial barriers in their structures in order to permit individuals to rise as high as possible. The question I would ask all professional institutions is whether their rules enable individuals to develop their potential to the full at work.

So in preparing for the exigencies of the 1990s the Training Commission is adopting a consistent line. Turn the difficulties presented by the drop in the numbers into a positive incentive for change, it says. Instead of putting up excuses, start tearing down the barriers to progress.

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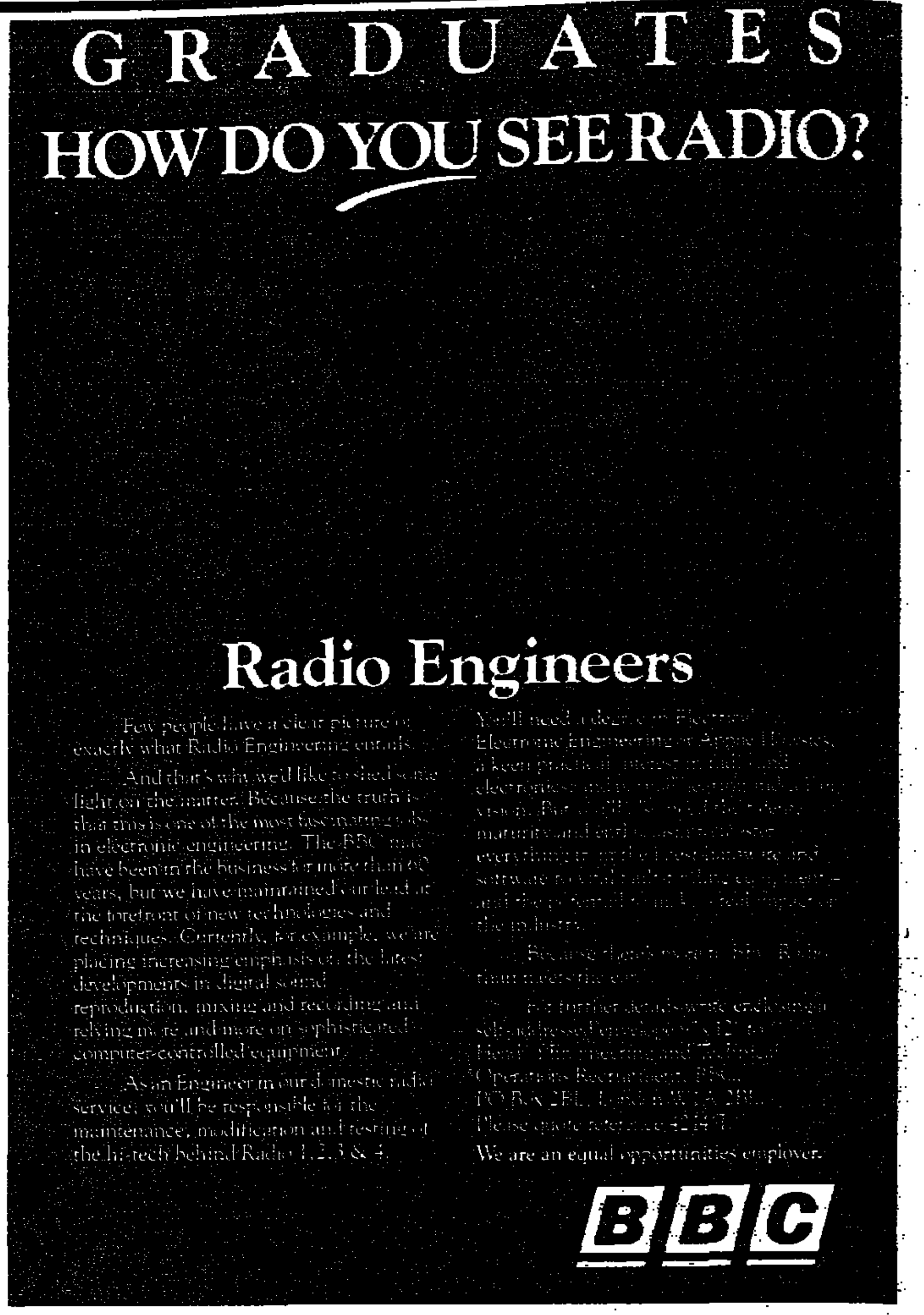

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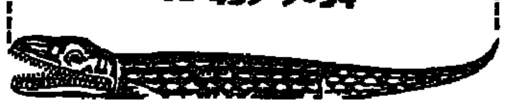

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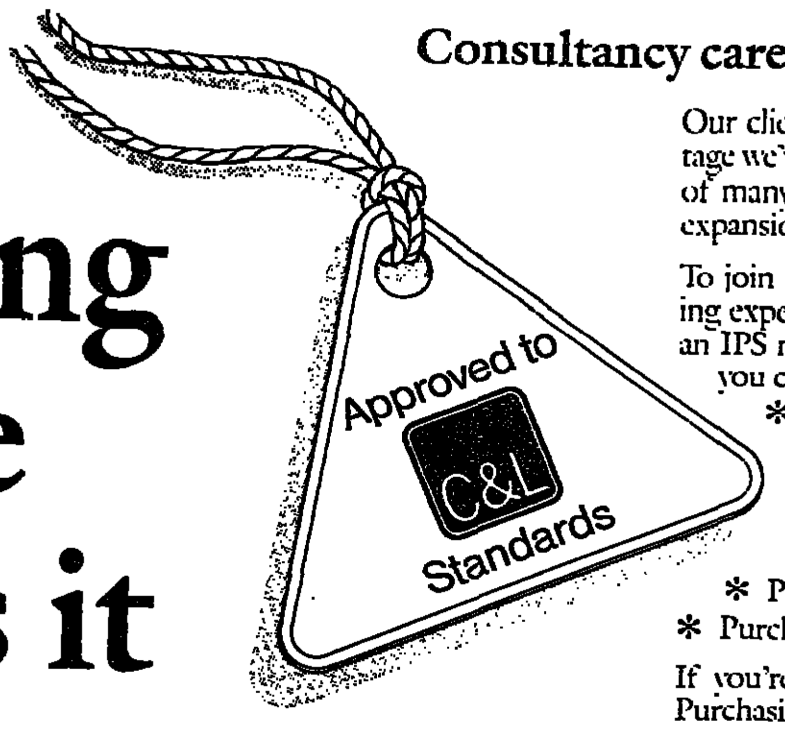

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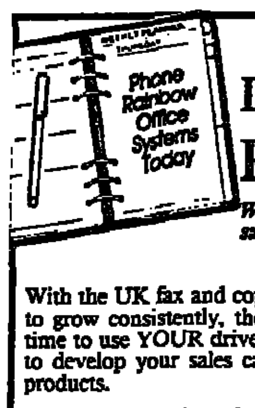
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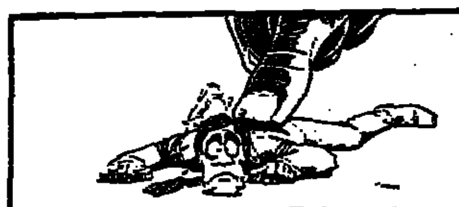

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HORIZONS

Trading on eastern premises

Jean Scroggie looks at the pitfalls and pleasures of doing business in an Arabian country

Leslie Devon, who regularly visits the Middle East selling his Victoria Jane children's wear, posed a question: "If I came up to you in the street and asked you for £20,000, just like that, would you give it to me ?" Mr Devon, sunning himself, drink in hand, on the sweltering autumn sands of Dubai's Chicago Beach Hotel while he took an afternoon break from the Motexha/Childexpo fair, was summing up the pitfalls and the perks of dealing in this part of the world.

As for perks, all work stops in the heat of the afternoon. It is back to the hotel for a loll on the beach (in town hotels, you could go ice skating instead) with snacks from the beach bar, until it is time to shower and change for the 5 pm stint on the stall at the exhibition, in an air-conditioned hall, with your travelling expenses (like your selling space and hotel) likely to be substantially subsidized.

The pitfalls ? You just might land a whacking great order and go bankrupt either filling it, or waiting to be paid.

"Taking orders here without a letter of credit, and some sort of non-payment insurance" said Mr Devon, "is like handing over fistfuls of money. Even worse if you haven't talked your bank manager into financing all those months making the goods when you get back home."

Anyone thinking of trading in this area should pause, first, to recall that petrodollars are tied to US dollars, and that the bottom started to fall out of this oil market two or three years ago. The stronger the pound, the more the profit margin will have to be trimmed, to stay competitive. Arabs go bankrupt, too.

Homework needs doing carefully, and in depth. Where and how should you first visit the Middle East ? Going off on your own is probably the worst choice.

Taking part in a trade mission, as part of a group investigating the market, making contacts with people who might either order from you or act as your agent, without the expense of manning a stall or bringing along samples is one way of looking at the prospects.

Joining a trade fair, normally as a member of a trade organization, is another. Either way, it helps with getting a visa, and – something which is crucial – making contact with someone there to act as a sponsor for future visits.

The would-be exporter should talk to his or her bank, to his regional Department of Trade and Industry and its British Overseas Trade Board departments, to the ECGD (Export Credits Guarantee Department, the independent organization set up by the government to insure against non-payment and guarantee loans) and the local chamber of commerce.

See your bank manager not only to ask him, as someone familiar with your business, about raising finance to cover the increased cash flow problems of meeting orders, but also for the considerable advice the bank's export division can provide on credit, insurance, and specific trading markets.

Both the Midland and Barclays Bank, do very detailed but straightforward brochures on precisely how to handle financing orders – from definitions of letters of credit and so on, to specimen forms showing how they should be filled in. (One survey revealed that more than half the Letters of Credit presented were incorrect or incomplete; this is just one way of not being paid on time.)

You should do this for any export market, but it is particularly important when you are off to Arabia, as it is to have insurance against payment not being made, for whatever reason.

It has been known for six-figure contracts to be signed by apparently responsible heads of departments in the Middle East which are then repudiated by someone higher up, after completion and delivery. Here is where the ECGD premium helps: it gives access to their bank of credit-worthy data, much of it instantly available on computer, before you even commit yourself.

In the Middle East today, local lawyers are American-trained and very sharp indeed; going to court there is very costly. It really is essential to consult the ECGD before undertaking any export business in this area. You can fax or telex them during negotiations as well, to check on deals and dealers.

The regional branch of the DTI can put you in touch with relevant departments of the BOTB, which has immensely helpful booklets, market research reports and advice on the various regions in the Middle East - dealing with Saudi Arabia, for instance, is not the same as in Iraq, or the comparatively sophisticated markets in Jordan, or parts of the United Arab Emirates.

They can tell you of missions or fairs which you might join. Your local Chamber of Commerce is another rich source of information on missions and fairs: these often include a mixed bag of manufacturers.

British embassies, and other local sources in Arabia co-operate closely in providing a wealth of useful information which is constantly up dated by them, the banks, the ECGD the DTI. It would be silly to deny yourself access to it. It is also silly to ignore specific Arab customs: in Arabia it is insulting to show the soles of your feet; do not use your left hand, especially to eat; coffee offered must be drunk – two cups then wobble the empty cup to signify you have had enough. Alcohol is banned in many countries. Arrange introductions; do not just drop in. Smile, shake hands, a lot. Courtesies matter, and no business will be done until they have been exchanged.

Be patient: you will often be kept waiting or friends or colleagues will wander in and chat while you are "dealing". Your firm or company may have to make two or three trips to the country (and send the same person each time) before you will be trusted enough for an order to be placed, which is why a good agent is a good idea.

Avoid Ramadan, and the months when it is hottest and most humid – anyone with money will have gone to a cooler climate. Find out about regional attitudes to credit. Certain areas, such as, Kuwait, are "cash markets" and in Saudi Arabia, for example, interest is officially illegal. Contracts involving interest may have to disguise it in the total price, and if it should come to court, a Saudi lawyer might well notice and discount this element.

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ATHLETICS

Trials timetable is bigger problem for Coe than injury

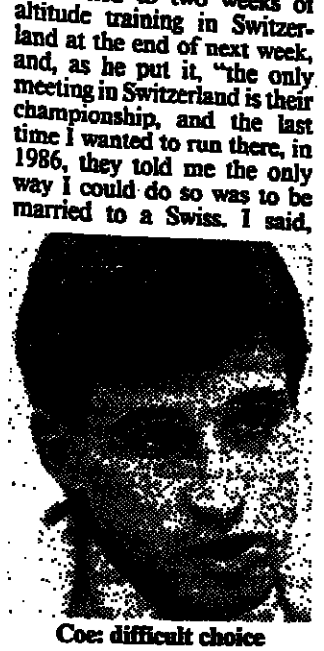
By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Sebastian Coe feels that the injury he incurred in Dublin two nights ago is not going to cause him any great problem outside the fact that, with three weeks to go until the Olympic trials, the defending champion does not yet have a qualifying time for the 1,500 metres.

The initial option is to get his Haringey club to change the distance he was due to run at their Beverley Baxter Trophy meeting next Wednesday from 800 to 1,500 metres.

On returning from Dublin yesterday, and seeing his physiotherapist immediately, Coe said: "He doesn't think it's serious, but I probably won't run until Friday, and then review the situation. The problem with the 'Beverley Baxter' is we've invited people to do 800 or 1.000 metres. It could be altered to 1,500 metres, but that might mean getting other people in. On the other hand I don't want to be scrabbling around in August getting an Olympic qualifying time."

The alternative, since Coe really needs to get a qualifier before the British trials on August 5, would be to race somewhere else. But he is committed to two weeks of altitude training in Switzerland at the end of next week, and, as he put it, "the only meeting in Switzerland is their championship, and the last time I wanted to run there, in 1986, they told me the only way I could do so was to be married to a Swiss. I said, 'Look, the European championships are important, but not *that* important'."


Coe: difficult choice

Coe's problem remains the selection policy of taking the first two in each event of the Olympic trial, and then adding one, at the selectors' discretion. Both Coe and Steve Cram want to do 800 and 1,500 metres in Seoul. But the trials' timetable makes it unreasonable for one athlete to attempt both events. With so many other top Britons vying for those events at the trials, the potential gold medal winning pair are in a quandary

Apart from the fact that present racing form suggests that Cram should do the 800 metres at the trials, and rely on his fast Dream Mile winning time to gain him discretionary selection at 1,500 metres, and that Coe should do the reverse, there is still a chance of a change in selection policy, based upon the public retraction of their original rejection of Priscilla Welch for the third women's marathon place by the selectors.

STUDENT SPORT

British team jumps into third position

By Yuri Matischen

The British students' riding team returned to England on Monday having just failed to win a silver medal at the inaugural world student championship in Saumur, France, which involved 22 nations.

The result, calculated by combining individual scores from the dressage and show-jumping competitions, provided Netherlands with the winning total of 77 penalties. The silver medal was won by Sweden with 128.5, only 0.5 less than Great Britain, who finished third.

Tina Reeves, of Loughborough University, the British Universities champion, had a superb championship, finishing second in the dressage.

In the show jumping, Reeves reached the quarter-final

RESULTS: Individual combined results: 1, F Courraud (Fr); 2, E Hoogen (Neth); 3, G Creiners (Neth); 4, T Reeves (GB). Other British placings: 8, K Paterson; 35, P Ellis.

FISHING

Coarse behaviour towards swans

By Conrad Voss Bark

Two disconcerting pamphlets for you this week. One tells you how to kill swans and other birds slowly and painfully; the other describes about 101 ways of polluting rivers and killing fish. The first pamphlet is particularly horrifying, a booklet of some 50 pages with photographs of swans dying from discarded tackle thrown away on banks by coarse fishermen.

There is a photograph of a popular coarse fishing lake, Rollesby Broad in Norfolk, which is so full of rubbish on the bank that in one and a half hours three carrier bags full of discarded tackle, nylon, lead weights and hooks were collected.

The authors of the pamphlet, Len Baker and Rina Milsom, of the Swan Rescue Service, say that any swan which stayed at Rollesby for any length of time would die from ingesting hooks or from lead poisoning.

There are horrible pictures of swans and other birds dying slowly. You are shown X-ray examinations of hooks in the throat and gizzard

Ingenious Welsh farmers who produce milk above their quota throw the surplus into rivers and ditches. Milk in rivers is lethal. Farmers are not the only polluters, for it has been calculated from drain samples that 4kg of lead, 8kg of zinc and 126kg of oils run off each kilometre of motorway in one year. This is just one source of pollution affecting water quality.

So You Want to Go Fishing, by Len Baker and Rina Milsom (Swan Rescue Service, Shotesham St Mary, Norwich, Norfolk, £3.50). *Water Quality for Salmon and Trout*, by John Solbe (Atlantic Salmon Trust, Moulin, Pitlochry, Perthshire, £2.50).

SPORTS LETTERS

Taking care of the elements

From Mr E. R. Brooke

Sir, I have followed with interest the arguments for and against the possible provision of a sliding roof over the Centre Court at Wimbledon incurring millions of pounds. Perhaps a better alternative to covering over the court by any kind of roof would be to leave it open as it is but deflect the downcoming rain by airstreams angled upwards and across the top aperture, these streams to be of such speed and direction as to carry the raindrops over the far-side roof, where they would be dissipated as the airstreams expanded.

There are several ways of generating the airstreams, for example (a) by a row of electrically driven ventilation fans mounted on one side of the roof (suitably strengthened) or (b) by fans at ground-level connected to ducting at, or above, roof-level or, perhaps, more ambitiously (c) a single aircraft engine (propeller or jet) independently mounted on a pylon nearby — though noise could be a problem in this case.

Whichever way was found by suitable experiment to be most effective, the cost would undoubtedly be considerably less than the sliding roof solution and those who claim that a covered court would change the nature of the tournament would have some difficulty in applying that argument to a still open (but rain-free) court.

Yours faithfully,
E. R. BROOKE,
Kellet Cottage,
Oak Tree Court,
Milford-on-Sea,
Lymington, Hants.

Lost for love

From Mr P. A. G. Osler

Sir, Can anyone produce a logical explanation of why, at Wimbledon, what has been "love" for a whole set should become "zero" in a tie-break?

Yours in puzzlement,
P. A. G. OSLER,
78 Woodbourne,
Augustus Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Raid stops play

From Mr L. N. Williams

Sir, The recent re-emergence of the match-terminal "rain stopped play" recalls to mind an unusual variation made on a blazing hot day in August 1940 in east London. Some of us were on leave, others were young. The scorer was in a wheelchair.

Suddenly the blue sky was streaked with vapour trails, dogfights and sputtering machine-gun fire. We played on until cartridge cases and, perhaps, harder ware descended. The players retreated to the questionable haven of the wooden pavilion. The scorebook read: "raid stopped play".

NORMAN WILLIAMS,
44 The Ridgeway, NW11.

Superfluity of sentiment

From Mr J. R. Anderson

Sir, On any rational basis the prospect of the formation of a football super league should be welcomed. That it would result from naked self-interest is irrelevant. Most human actions are guided by that motive, which is why Gordon Taylor's threats about action by the PFA would not prevail against the individual player's desire to participate for the higher rewards that would be on offer.

There is widespread agreement that playing standards will not improve as long as club managers have to work under the constant threat of relegation and this would be an opportunity to eliminate it. A smaller league would be more soundly based financially and better able to resist the competition from the more affluent European clubs which is draining the pool of available talent.

The cry that this shouldn't happen, particularly in the League's centenary year, owes more to misplaced sentiment than common sense. The shambles of the centennial celebrations has surely underlined that the League's time is past.

Belatedly facing up to the need to reduce numbers in the first division, it did so with a formula for play-offs that may have temporarily improved gates but only added, as did the introduction of the three-up three-down system, to the pressure for survival at all costs. Moreover, while paying lip service to the need to reduce the number of games, additional subsidiary competitions have proliferated.

The self-interest which has, until now, prevented the necessary modernization process is surely no less deplorable than that which is currently being condemned, but until the game faces up to that necessity there can be no hope of the improvement in standards which is essential if the national team is to succeed.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. ANDERSON,
4 Vardon Drive,
Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Cowdrey factor

From Sir John Grugeon

Sir, Andrew Longmore's comments on "English talents" when writing on Kent's impressive win against Warwickshire coupled with the unfortunate remarks made by Alan Lee, your cricket correspondent, fail to recognize the inherent gift of leadership currently displayed by Christopher Cowdrey but sadly lacking at national level.

A visit to the Kent dressing-room reveals a remarkable will to win and a loyalty to the captain whose impressive and inspired leadership is sadly lacking in the majority of teams today.

Is it of no consequence that a similar spirit and leadership prevailed when the county last won the championship, having been bottom of the table in July of that year? Is it only coincidence that then as today the team was led by a Cowdrey?

Perhaps Mr Longmore and Mr Lee would do well to study the reasons for success in a positive way rather than in negative condemnation of both county and national sides.

JOHN D. GRUGEON,
2 Shrublands Court,
Sandrock Road,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.

Functional jackets

From Miss M. Hatch-Barnwell

Sir, Your fishing correspondent, Conrad Voss Bark, wrote a piece on his experiences with waxed/oiled cotton jackets (July 7).

In spite of the fashions, he would do much better to copy police motor-cycle riders, lifeboat crewmen and oil-rig workers and wear "functional" jackets. They really stand up to hard outdoor conditions and need minimum maintenance.

Yours truly,
M. HATCH-BARNWELL,
The New House,
The Parks,
Minehead, Somerset.

Minding the cost

From the National Director, National Association of Boys' Clubs

Sir, It is with concern that we learn of the intention of the Government to privatize certain local authorities' services which include sport and recreation facilities.

Many of the 2,000 clubs that are affiliated to this association, serving some 200,000 young people throughout the country, enjoy the benefits of free or subsidized use of sporting and recreational facilities which are available through local authorities.

With the increasing reduction in sport and recreational programmes offered in schools more young people than ever have come to rely on us for the opportunity of participating in activities offered through our member clubs.

The large proportion of our clubs are supported by voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers. It seems inevitable that privatization of sports and recreational facilities will undoubtedly increase the costs to those who use them and this will especially affect the young people who are members of our clubs and children of ratepayers.

Although many local authorities are unable to support our member clubs with financial grants to the level that we would wish, the offer of facilities either at reduced cost or even free is one vital way they can help the present generation enjoy leisure and fitness opportunities otherwise denied to them.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK P. HARRIS,
National Director,
National Association of Boys' Clubs,
369 Kennington Lane, SE11.

From Mr Ted Cowen

Sir, Your leading article, Sporting Chances (July 2), explains the position well, but omits one important matter: sport and disabled people. Largely owing to the success of the health services and the welfare state, there are now more disabled people than ever before. They are rightly encouraged to participate in all manner of sports and games, and many of them do so with remarkable distinction. Local authorities are generally helpful, and many of them allow subsidized use of their facilities.

Swimming is particularly helpful to handicapped people of all ages, whether the disability is mental or physical. For many, water is the only environment in which limbs may move relatively freely and personal achievement and fun be had.

If private bodies take over the running of sports facilities they must of necessity and almost by definition seek to be cost effective. Will the government please assure us that the interests of handicapped people will be protected.

The Association of Swimming Therapy has over 150 clubs in various parts of the country. They are all run by volunteers, many of whom dip heavily into their own pockets, in addition to giving up their time and enthusiasm, to assist handicapped people.

Handicapped people and their helpers must expect to pay something for what they get. Severely hurt people, however, rarely have more than just enough to live on, and if they are expected to pay the full economic cost of sporting (especially swimming) facilities, they simply will not be able to use them. They are likely then to be a much greater cost on public funds in other ways, besides suffering a distinct diminuation in the quality of their lives.

Yours faithfully,
TED COWEN (honorary secretary, Association of Swimming Therapy),
4 Oak Street,
Shrewsbury,
Shropshire.

The need for uncertainty

From Mrs Brenda Ralph Lewis

Sir, The rather sour End Column (June 30) concerning women's tennis entirely misses the true reason why the distaff side of the game does not have the same attraction as the spear side: the fact that women's tennis is not sufficiently competitive, so much so that it is possible for one or two players to dominate the game for 10 or 12 years at a time.

The women have fewer "giant-killers" among them than the men and almost no second-rankers who could upset the higher echelon. This is why we have had so many Evert-Navratilova finals and why the sight of Steffi Graf mowing down all who stand in her way is far less exciting than the chance that Boris Becker could be stopped in his juggernaut tracks by players ranked below him. Thankfully, the new crop of Russian players look as if they could provide the alternatives which women's tennis needs.

Sincerely,
BRENDA LEWIS,
28 Fair Leas,
Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

Flight of fancy

From Mr George Harris

Sir, I well recall a hot summer afternoon lecture at the Royal Navy Engineering College, Manadon, in about 1945, being enlivened by the explanation of why golf balls pulled or sliced towards the end of their trajectory.

The rotation speeds up the air flow on one side if the ball spins, slowing it on the other and creating a difference in air pressure. This force can move the ball.

The lecturer held our interest, pointing out that it perhaps proved that our studies had some practical use after all.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE HARRIS,
28 Cherry Tree Drive,
Brixton, Plymouth.

Mysterious ways

From Dr T. H. Christie

Sir, For about eight years from 1946 I took part in Henley Royal Regatta and cannot remember a wet Henley. Forgetfulness of age, perhaps. It does seem that since the day of the finals had to become a Sunday the weather has deteriorated.

Last year I attempted to walk the towpath to the start but was unable due to crowds. We used to cycle from the start to Remenham following races. The meadows on the Bucks side are now full of hospitality tents instead of grazing cows. Could it be that the weather is the way God has chosen of wreaking havoc on Mammon?

Yours sincerely,
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Ditchling, Sussex.

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Queen's Bench Division

No income tax on single land-tip fee

McClure (Inspector of Taxes) v Petre

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment July 13]

A once-and-for-all payment received by a landowner in return for allowing motorway contractors to tip sub-soil on a part of his property was not assessable to income tax. Such a payment was outside the charge to tax under Schedule A contained in section 67 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 as it was of a capital and not income nature and thus not "annual profits or gains".

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by the Crown from the Blackburn general commissioners who upheld an appeal by the taxpayer, Captain Robert Petre, against an assessment to the tax for 1983-84 in the sum of £76,125.

Section 67 of the 1970 Act provides: "(1) . . . Schedule A 1. Tax under this Schedule shall be charged on the annual profits or gains arising in respect of any such rents or receipts as follow, that is to say — . . . (c) other receipts arising to a person from, or by virtue of, his ownership of an estate or interest in or right over . . . land . . . in the United Kingdom."

Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr Thomas Ivory for the taxpayer.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the taxpayer owned pasture land in Lancashire that was subject to an agricultural tenancy. In 1983 the M65 motorway was under construction and Sir Alfred McAlpine & Sons Ltd were granted a licence by the taxpayer to enter on the land and deposit sub-soil in consideration of payment exceeding £70,000.

Under the terms of the licence McAlpines were liable for draining the land and reinstating it after the tipping. The agricultural tenant continued to pay rent to the taxpayer throughout the period of the licence and the payment in no way constituted compensation for loss of income from the land.

The commissioners found that the filled and restored land was more valuable than it had been and that there was no prospect of further tipping on it. Thus it was a once-and-for-all operation that could not be repeated.

It common ground that the payment was a receipt arising to the taxpayer from his ownership of the land. The sole issue was whether for the purposes of section 67(1) the receipt was an "annual profit or gain" (that is, a payment in the nature of income) or was it in the nature of capital and not liable to income tax.

Counsel agreed that the word "annual" cast no light on the problem — it did not connote any element of recurrence. A single non-recurrent payment could be an "annual" payment (*Ryall v Hoare* ([1923] 2 KB 447)).

Equally, it was established that to decide whether a receipt was income or capital all the circumstances of the case had to be looked at and judicial commonsense applied to see how it should be classified (*Strick v Regent Oil Co Ltd* ([1966] AC 295)).

Mr Moses submitted that to determine the nature of the taxpayer's receipt the basic distinction was between a sum received for the use of land on the one hand and a sum received on the realization of an interest in land.

It was, he said, the distinction between the fruit of the tree which was income and the tree which was capital. He emphasized that here the tree remained — the taxpayer still had the same interest in his land, it had continued throughout to yield the same rent and no asset had been sold.

For the taxpayer it was said that the payment was received in return for his giving up once and for all one valuable aspect of his land, namely the ability to exploit it for the tipping of soil. It was, Mr Ivory said, a one-off and final operation in return for a lump sum — a capital profit.

Further, Mr Ivory did not accept that to classify a receipt as capital it had to be shown that it was consideration for the disposal of an interest in land. It was enough, he said, that it represented the realization of part of the capital value of the land.

His Lordship said that it was not an easy case to decide. The crucial question was whether the Crown's basic proposition was correct. Could a receipt in respect of the ownership of land properly be classified as a capital receipt if there had been no disposal of the land or of any interest in it, as opposed to a realization of part of the value of such an interest?

The Crown relied on the judgment of Mr Justice Megarry in *Lowe v J. W. Ashmore Ltd* ([1971] Ch 545). But that was only authority for the proposition that a receipt for the right to exploit one aspect of land was income when there was a possibility that such exploitation could recur and there had been no disposal of the land.

However, *Haigh's Trustees v Inland Revenue Commissioners* ((1939) 22 TC 725) established that where the value of an asset was attributable to a number of different characteristics, and a transaction which realized once and for all the capital value of one of those characteristics, thereby diminishing the remaining value of the whole asset, occurred, the proceeds of such realization were capable of being in the nature of capital and not income notwithstanding that the asset itself and all the rights in it remained the property of the taxpayer.

It followed that there was no such distinction as Mr Moses contended for between receipts from the disposal of the asset and receipts for the use of the asset.

If a receipt represented the once-and-for-all realization of part of the capital value of the land it could, and indeed normally would, itself be a capital receipt. The mere fact that the taxpayer remained the unfettered owner of the same area of land did not preclude a finding that the receipt was a capital receipt.

The Crown had not shown that the commissioners had erred in law in reaching their conclusion.

The substance of the matter was that the payment was consideration for a once-and-for-all disposal of a right or advantage appurtenant to the taxpayer's land. Before granting the licence the value of the land included the right to turn it to advantage by permitting tipping: after the licence that right had gone in return for the lump sum.

True the acreage of the land and the taxpayer's interest in it remained but it was shorn of that valuable advantage. That was a disposal of a capital nature whether effected by a licence (involving a contractual arrangement but no disposal of a legal right) or, as it could have been, by a sale of a term of years with a lease back. Tax liability should not depend on the technical machinery but on the substance of what had been done.

The appeal was dismissed with costs.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Withers Crossman Block.

Discovery order despite jurisdiction dispute

Rome and Another v Punjab National Bank

Before Mr Justice Hirst

[Judgment July 6]

A court could order discovery of documents although the defendant disputed the jurisdiction of the court by reason of an alleged irregularity in the service of the writ.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers. In exercising his discretion on the facts, his Lordship refused the application of the plaintiffs, Christopher William Rome and Andrew Bathurst, for discovery of certain documents held by the defendants, Punjab National Bank.

Order 12, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court provides:

"(1) A defendant who wishes to dispute the jurisdiction of the court in the proceedings by reason of any . . . irregularity . . . or on any other ground shall give notice of intention to defend the proceedings and shall . . . apply to the court for — (a) an order setting aside the writ or service of the writ on him, or (b) an order declaring that the writ has not been duly served on him . . .

"(5) Upon hearing an application under paragraph (1) the court, if it does not dispose of the matter in dispute, may give such directions for its disposal as may be appropriate, including directions for the trial thereof as a preliminary issue."

Mr Stephen Ruttle for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael Brindle for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said the plaintiffs sued on their own behalf and on behalf of a number of other Lloyd's syndicates claiming a declaration that two policies of insurance, under which the defendants were the assured, had been validly avoided, and also claiming repayment of a sum in excess of $28 million which was paid pursuant to a claim under those policies.

The writ was issued in the Commercial Court on Febrary 24, 1988 and was served, or purportedly served, at Fourth Floor, State Bank House, 1 Milk Street, London.

By summons dated April 7, 1988 the defendants sought an order pursuant to Order 12, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court that the service of the writ be set aside and/or it be declared that the writ had not been duly served.

It seemed to his Lordship that the natural construction of the words "such directions" in Order 12, rule 8(5) was apt to include orders for discovery.

Further, so far as Order 24, rules 7 and 8 were concerned, which provided general rules covering applications for discovery for specific documents, a question as to the jurisdiction of the court raised an issue in the action.

That was fully in accordance with the closing words of Order 12, rule 8(5) which spoke of the trial "of a preliminary issue".

Once the question was raised by the defendant, as it had been here, it was incumbent on the plaintiff to establish as an essential first step in his action that service had been properly effected, so as to give the court the necessary jurisdiction.

It followed that the court had jurisdiction to make the order sought as a matter of principle.

His Lordship wished to emphasize that the court would only exercise its powers very rarely and would require the clearest possible demonstration from the party who sought discovery that it was necessary for the fair disposal of the application. On the facts of the instant case, since the plaintiffs had failed to show that, his Lordship would dismiss the application.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Slaughter & May.

Tidal reach is not a harbour

The Powstaniec Wielkopolski

Before Mr Justice Sheen

[Judgment July 12]

Salvage services rendered to a vessel in Gravesend Reach of the River Thames were performed in tidal waters and therefore the salvors were entitled to claim remuneration for those services.

Mr Justice Sheen so held in the Admiralty Court of the Queen's Bench Division when striking out an amended defence in a claim for salvage by the plaintiffs, the owners, masters, officers and crews of the motor tugs Sun London, Hibernia and Ionia, against the defendants, the owners of the Powstaniec Wielkopolski and of the cargo thereon.

Section 546 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 provides:

"Where any vessel is . . . in distress in any place . . . near the coasts of the United Kingdom or any tidal water within the limits of the United Kingdom, and services are rendered by any person in assisting that vessel or saving the cargo or apparal of that vessel or any part therof . . . there shall be payable to the salvor by the owner of the vessel, cargo, apparel or wreck, a reasonable amount of salvage . . ."

Section 742 provides: "In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them...

'Harbour' includes harbours properly so called, whether natural or artificial, estuaries, navigable rivers, piers, jetties and other works in or at which ships can obtain shelter, or ship and unship goods or passengers; 'Tidal water' means any part of the sea and any part of a river within the ebb and flow of the tide at ordinary spring tides, and not being a harbour."

Mr Nigel Teare for the plaintiffs; Miss Belinda Bucknall, QC, for the shipowners and for the cargo owners.

MR JUSTICE SHEEN said that the plaintiffs claimed salvage remuneration for services rendered to the Powstaniec Wielkopolski in Gravesend Reach on April 23, 1985.

The shipowners denied that the services rendered were salvage services. In June 1988 they obtained leave to amend their defence by the addition of two paragraphs.

"3a Further or alternatively the plaintiffs' right to claim salvage is governed by the provisions of section 546 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 which, as construed in accordance with section 742 of the said Act excludes services performed in harbours.

"3b The plaintiffs' services were performed within a harbour, the Port of London. In the premises the plaintiffs are not entitled to claim salvage in respect of them."

The point of law raised by the paragraphs was ordered to be tried as a preliminary issue and the judgment related solely to that issue.

The vessel was a bulk carrier laden with wheat. While in Gravesend Reach within the limits of the Port of London as defined by the Port of London Act 1968 and waiting a berth at the Tilbury grain terminal the bow and stern moorings parted.

The tugs heard a report on radio that the ship was breaking adrift. There was no call for assistance from the ship. There was dispute between the parties as to whether the ship was in danger when the tugs arrived. However, for the purposes of the preliminary issue his Lordship had to assume that salvage services had been rendered.

The question raised by the amended defence was whether by the 1894 Act Parliament changed the substantive law of salvage by enacting indirectly that after the Act came into force salvage would not be payable for services rendered in certain tidal waters within the limits of the United Kingdom in which before that Act similar services would have attracted a salvage reward.

The definition of "tidal water" in section 742 ended with the word "harbour". Was it possible in that context to give the word "harbour" the meaning assigned to it by section 742?

A definition of "tidal water" incorporating the definition of "harbour" exposed an absurdity. It seemed to his Lordship absurd that salvage would be payable in a river within the ebb and flow of the tide so long as those waters were not an estuary or navigable river. Where else could a ship be found on tidal water?

The context required that the word "harbour" in the definition of "tidal water" should not be given the meanining assigned to it by section 742. The word "harbour" where it appeared in the definition of "tidal water" had to be given its ordinary and natural meaning.

The Powstaniec Wielkopolski was in a reach of the River Thames. She was not in a harbour, if that word was given its ordinary and natural meaning.

Gravesend Reach on occasions could provide some shelter for ships in adverse weather conditions but no mariner would ordinarily or naturally describe Gravesend Reach as a "harbour".

His Lordship agreed with the submission of Mr Teare that it was a misuse of language to say that the whole of that part of the River Thames which formed part of the Port of London was a harbour. It was more accurate to state that there were many harbours along the River Thames and within the Port of London.

In his Lordship's opinion the place where salvage services were rendered was tidal and not a harbour. Paragraphs 3a and 3b of the amended defence would be struck out. Leave to appeal was granted.

Solicitors: Thomas Cooper & Stibbard for the plaintiffs; Elborne Mitchell for the shipowners; Waltons & Morse and Clyde & Co, Guildford for the cargo owners.

Limit to damages for distress in contract

Hayes and Another v James & Charles Dodd (a Firm)

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Staughton and Sir George Waller

[Judgment July 7]

A married couple, who suffered anxiety and distress when their car repair business failed because solicitors had incorrectly advised them that there was a right of access to the rear of a workshop they were purchasing, were not entitled to damages for that distress.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing in part an appeal by the defendant solicitors, James & Charles Dodd, from the order of Mr Justice Hirst on May 11, 1987, whereby he awarded the plaintiffs damages of £110,000 in respect of the defendants' negligent advice.

The plaintiffs ran a motor repair business in London. In 1982 they decided to expand by buying premises in Tenterden. The property consisted of a leasehold workshop and yard together with a freehold maisonette on the main road.

The workshop could be reached either through a narrow and inconvenient tunnel or via a rear access. During pre-contract negotiations the defendants received letters showing that the owners of the land over which the rear access ran were asserting that there was no right of way.

But about a week later the defendants informed the plaintiffs that the right of way was secure. Within days of completion the rear access was blocked.

The plaintiffs tried to run the business, but gave up after 12 months, having put the business on the market. The maisonette was eventually sold separately in May 1986, but because of pressure from the bank they had to sell their London business.

Mr David Neuberger, QC, for the defendants; Mr Quintin Iwi for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the judge had awarded £1,500 to each of the plaintiffs under the head of mental stress. There could be no doubt that each of them suffered vexation and anguish over the years to a serious extent, for which the sum awarded was but modest compensation.

There was, however, an important question of principle involved as to whether and in what circumstances damages could be awarded for mental distress consequent on breach of contract in a business transaction.

In *Perry v Sidney Phillips & Son* ([1982] 1 WLR 1297) damages were awarded for the distress, worry, inconvenience and trouble which the plaintiff had suffered while living in the house he bought, owing to the defects which his surveyor had overlooked. Lord Denning Master of the Rolls, considered that those consequences were reasonably foreseeable. Lord Justice Kerr, at p1307, stated a narrower test.

His Lordship was not convinced that it was enough to ask whether mental stress was reasonably foreseeable as a consequence, or even whether it should reasonably have been contemplated as not unlikely to result from a breach of contract.

Damages for mental stress were, as a matter of policy, limited to certain classes of case. His Lordship would broadly follow the classification provided by Lord Justice Dillon in *Bliss v South East Thames Regional Health Authority* ([1987] ICR 700, 718): "Where the contract which has been broken was itself a contract to provide peace of mind or freedom from distress."

It might be that the class was somewhat wider than that. But it should not include any case where the object of the contract was not comfort or pleasure or the relief of discomfort, but simply carrying on a commercial activity with a view to profit.

Accordingly, his Lordship would disallow the item of damages for anguish and vexation.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS, concurring, said that mental distress was a special and restricted head of damage which his Lordship would approach in rather the same way as the courts approached the question of pecuniary loss dissociated from physical damage caused by negligence.

Damages of that nature were recoverable only when the special relationship between the parties demonstrated that the one had in mind liability to pay pecuniary loss and the other relied on that assumption of responsibility.

It was a far cry from a submission that damages could be recovered by a litigant who was involved in the frustration and hassle inevitably arising out of a breach of contract or tort of the present sort.

Sir George Waller delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Leigh Williams, Bromley.

(Not including yesterday's results)

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CRICKET: SURREY ARE GIVEN SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE HALF A CENTURY ON

Smith surfaces with century

By John Woodcock

GUILDFORD: Surrey have scored 181 for one against Hampshire

Hampshire were soon brought back to earth yesterday after their runaway victory in the Benson and Hedges. In the 46.2 overs that were possible between a start delayed until 2 p.m. and an early finish three hours later, Surrey made 181 for one, David Smith surfacing with an unbeaten 101.

By a happy chance it was 50 years ago to the day that Surrey played their first championship match at Guildford, and that, too, was against Hampshire. Although not quite in the way that used to be so, it has a reputation as a batsman's ground, the square boundaries being nice and short, and the pitch easy-paced. "This and Sidmouth were my favourites," Peter Wreford, who scored vast quantities of runs in club cricket, says.

The week's first-class cricket here is much enjoyed; but the Oval still has to be "saved" and that is enormously important. As Surrey edge towards the £1 million they need for that purpose — and they have a dauntingly long way yet to go — they talk warmly of those who are helping them close the gap — like the clergyman who has just delayed replacing his car to spare £100 for the cause.

No one suffered more reaction yesterday from Saturday's triumph than Jefferies, who had had most of all to do with it. The ball neither swung, as it had at Lord's, nor moved about off the pitch. For a change, batsmen had to be got out. The only one who was, the older of the Bicknells, was nicely caught at second slip in the sixth over.

By then Smith was going well and playing with a fine disdain. Where has he been, and what has he been doing since, at Port of Spain, he made top score in each innings in his last Test match — the fourth of England's last ill-fated tour of the Caribbean?

He played the West Indian fast bowling as well then as anyone else on the tour, using all his height to scotch the rising ball and unflinching against the short stuff. That he has not come into the reckoning since does seem a waste of talent; but I dare say his temperament, like his back, has not always been a help to him.

In yesterday's first over he drove Jefferies at head height wide of mid on — the sort of stroke with which Bob Barber, another left hander, would startle John Edrich by playing in the opening over of a Test match. When Jefferies came off his five overs had cost 38 runs, most of them to Smith. It was a rare piece of batting with which to start a championship match and a compliment to the grounsman.

With Stewart playing strokes through extra cover off the back foot of the utmost brilliance, Hampshire, who had chosen to field, were soon searching for an answer at both ends and looking not much like finding one. We had Maru bowling slow left arm by the sixteenth over (79 for one). I suppose it is no wonder that the first spinner in the bowling averages comes 38th when as useful a performer as Cowley is seen as a one-day specialist. After taking one for 17 in 11 overs on Saturday he was left out yesterday.

It was sad that as staunch a servant as Tim Tremlett was missing from Hampshire's final. No one has worked harder over the years to get them to Lord's, or would have bowled better there in some conditions. His absence, though, has given a chance to Jonathan Ayling, an old boy of Portsmouth Grammar School (an *alma mater* of the great Walter Hammond) and he has taken it well.

Ayling is tall and bowls near the stumps, not with a lot of body but with a high arm and a ball that, by cutting away off the pitch, keeps the slips on their toes. He looks well fitted for the job that Tremlett has done so well for most of the eighties.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Terry b Connor	6
D M Smith not out	101
A J Stewart not out	63
Extras (lb 6, nb 5)	11
Total (1 wkt, 46.2 overs)	181

M A Lynch, D M Ward, †C J Richards, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, N A Felton, M P Bicknell and N H Peters to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-22.

HAMPSHIRE: V P Terry, C L Smith, *M C J Nicholas, R A Smith, D R Turner, J R Ayling, S T Jefferies, †R J Parks, R J Maru, C A Connor, S J W Andrew.

Bonus points: Surrey 1, Hampshire 0.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and A A Jones.

No play yesterday

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex.
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v West Indians.

Barnett enhances captaincy claims

SOUTHEND (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire have scored 332 for the loss of eight wickets

One experienced Test captain, John Wright, of New Zealand, and two candidates for the England post, Graham Gooch and Kim Barnett, were leading figures on the opening day at Southend, Barnett taking the individual honours with an innings of 99 as Derbyshire scored with a facility which eluded them at Lord's last Saturday.

Wright, who is to end his association with the county at the end of the season, led a recovery from 37 for two by staying for just under four hours to make 82, hitting a dozen boundaries before hitting Gooch to Lilley at mid-wicket.

Gooch, captaining Essex because Fletcher decided to stand down, so that young Hussain could have game, was responsible for the early problems. In his first over, he dismissed Bowler leg-before, with the opening batsman two short of his 1,000 runs for the season and then caught Roberts at first slip off Foster's bowling.

Morris hit eight fours and a six while scoring 56 of a partnership of 83 for the third wicket and following Wright's dismissal Barnett, having dropped himself down to No. 5 to make room for the New Zealander's return to the side, took control, with Goldsmith as an aggressive partner in a sixth wicket stand of 106 in 29 overs.

Both fell to the new ball, Barnett having hit 15 fours. He was caught behind off Foster

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

P D Bowler lbw b Gooch	11
J G Wright c Lilley b Gooch	82
B Roberts c Gooch b Foster	6
J E Morris c Miller b Childs	56
*K J Barnett c East b Foster	99
†B J M Maher c Miller b Foster	2
S C Goldsmith c East b Lever	47
P G Newman c Lilley b Foster	6
A E Warner not out	9
S J Base not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 1)	12
Total (8 wkts)	332

D E Malcolm to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-37, 3-120, 4-181, 5-204, 6-310, 7-319, 8-328.

Score after 100 overs: 278 for 5.

ESSEX: *G A Gooch, J P Stephenson, P J Prichard, A R Border, A W Lilley, N Hussain, G Miller, †D E East, N A Foster, J H Childs, J K Lever.

Bonus points: Essex 2, Derbyshire 3.

Umpires: K Palmer and D Constant.

In the driving seat: Smith steers towards his century (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Munton lands a rich haul

By Jack Bailey

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 114 runs behind Worcestershire

A pitch which was receptive to seam and spin, a career-best effort from Tim Munton, who in an astonishingly accurate spell took six wickets for 21 runs from 19 successive overs, and a joyous moment in the career of Adrian Pierson, whose off spin plucked the very heart from Worcestershire's batting, were the features of a truncated day which left Warwickshire, at least temporarily in the ascendant.

Worcestershire's decision to bat must have been a marginal one in the moist conditions and it remained marginal, even when Curtis and Hick were at the wicket, picking off the odd boundary in neo-classical style.

Curtis played correctly and well for his 26 runs which were accumulated while 33 overs were bowled. He used all his considerable defensive technique to survive the combined efforts of Small and Merrick, and it came as a surprise when he was bowled when on the back foot to Pierson. The off-break turned and kept low; although the ball which had accounted for Hick in similar manner during Pierson's previous over, was a result of Hick's own extravagance, as he tried to force a ball that turned into him, square on the off-side.

These two thrusts by Pierson presaged the beginning of the end for Worcestershire. And when Neale also succumbed to him, Pierson had not only nearly doubled his haul for this season, but he had taken three wickets for two runs in twenty balls.

Munton is a different cup of tea. He is the sort of stock bowler every county would like to have in their touring bag. A brisk medium, sure of line and length, seemingly tireless, tall and strong, he bowled seam up and, in these conditions, things happened for him.

Nobody could force him away. Everyone was vulnerable. In his 19 overs only ten scoring shots were played. At one stage he had taken three wickets for one run from twelve overs. When he had bowled 13 overs his tally was four wickets for five runs and — ominous sign — he had seen off the promising Leatherdale with a ball which hardly left the deck.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis b Pierson	26
S J O'Shaughnessy c Thorne b Smith	4
G A Hick b Pierson	23
*P A Neale b Pierson	1
M J Weston c Holloway b Munton	1
D A Leatherdale b Munton	12
†S J Rhodes c Asif Din b Munton	1
P J Newport b Munton	1
R K Illingworth c Holloway b Munton	13
N V Radford not out	13
G R Dilley c Moles b Munton	17
Extras (lb 14, w 4)	18
Total (62 overs)	130

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-68, 3-69, 4-70, 5-70, 6-79, 7-81, 8-95, 9-108.

BOWLING: Small 11-3-32-0; Merrick 8-3-12-0; Pierson 20-8-33-3; Smith 4-0-18-1; Munton 19-12-21-6.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*T A Lloyd not out	13
A J Moles not out	1
Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	2
Total (no wkt, 5 overs)	16

Asif Din, D A Banks, D A Thorne, P A Smith, †P C L Holloway, G C Small, A T Merrick, T A Munton and A R K Pierson to bat.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Worcestershire 0.

Umpires: H D Bird and B Dudleston.

Richardson doubtful for Leeds

Richie Richardson, the West Indies batsman, may not be fit to play against England in the fourth Test match, which starts at Headingley, Leeds, next week. He is thought to have fractured his left index finger in taking a catch during the third Test at Old Trafford, which West Indies won by an innings and 156 runs.

Richardson opened the innings at Old Trafford because Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge's regular opening partner, was injured. As Haynes is expected to return and Roger Harper made 74 — the highest individual score of the match — as Richardson's middle-order substitute in the third Test, the injury is not likely to cause West Indies a severe problem.

● ISLAMABAD: Australia are to play three Tests and three one-day internationals during their nine-match tour of Pakistan in September and October, the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan have announced (*Reuter reports*). Australia last visited in 1982-83, under the captaincy of Kim Hughes, when they lost all three Tests.

ITINERARY: September 6-8: v President's XI (at Rawalpindi); 10-12: v Baluchistan Governor's XI (at Quetta); 15-20: first Test (at Karachi); 23-28: second Test (at Faisalabad); 30: first one-day international (at Gujranwala); October 2-4: v North-West Frontier Province Governor's XI (at Peshawar); 7-12: third Test (at Lahore); 14: second one-day international (at Lahore); 15: third one-day international (at Hyderabad).

● Glamorgan are to stage the first floodlit cricket match in South Wales on August 3 when the county club play a Rest of the World XI at St Helen's, Swansea, as part of their centenary celebrations. A pitch has been specially laid on the rugby pitch and spectators will watch the game from the stand used by Swansea Rugby Club.

The match, sponsored by South Wales Electricity, will be played under Sunday league rules and will start at 6.30 p.m. The Rest of the World XI will be captained by Clive Lloyd and will include Collis King and Javed Miandad, two former Glamorgan players.

REST OF THE WORLD XI: C H Lloyd (West Indies, capt), Mudassar Nazar (Pakistan), D M Jones (Australia), Javed Miandad (Pakistan), M J Greatbatch (New Zealand), C L King (West Indies), P L Taylor (Australia), G F Lawson (Australia), Chetan Sharma (India), Maninder Singh (India).

Lancashire lack a sense of urgency

By Richard Streeton

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 304 for eight wickets against Leicestershire

The past week without any championship fixtures has been cricket's equivalent of half-term, a time for taking stock. This particular match could well have considerable bearing on the final table. Leicestershire are currently equal third, Lancashire stand seventh and both remain within range of the teams above them.

Certainly they must have expectations of finishing in the prize money, at least, so it was surprising in the circumstances that Lancashire early on did not show more urgency. By tea they were a meagre 160 for three from 73 overs. The tempo picked up afterwards thanks to Watkinson but the failure to secure maximum bonus points was self deprivation that was hard to understand.

Mendis all summer has been the only Lancashire batsman regularly to show confidence or form. Watching most of the others struggle once more, makes it all the more timely a moment for Atherton to arrive from Cambridge. Atherton played his part in the strong Lancashire finish to the 1987 season, when they won their last six matches to finish championship runners-up and is too promising a player to be kept languishing long in the second team.

Leicestershire's pace attack apart from DeFreitas seldom looked penetrative; Willey and Such bowled steadily but at times were treated with exaggerated respect on a good pitch. Thanks to the new balloon covering the entire square was dry and in good order and ten minutes at the start was the only time lost.

Mendis and Fowler had no cause to hurry their strokes until DeFreitas bowled. The score was 47 when Mendis got himself into a tangle dealing with a bouncer and was caught off his glove. Jesty gave silly point a bat and pad catch when Such bowled the last over before lunch.

Such, playing only his second championship match this season, was not afraid to give the ball plenty of air. He remains a player whose career could blossom when there is the chance for regular opportunities. He and Willey kept Fowler and Fairbrother tightly reined as they shared a third wicket stand of 74 in 36 overs.

By now the sun was beating down, making a mockery of the forecast. Fowler ended a poor sequence of scores with 78 in his last first-class innings a week ago and he came within three of matching this before he was bowled off his pads trying to drive.

Fairbrother, too,has temporarily mislaid his touch and had been in 48 overs for 43 when he drove a high catch to deep mid-off. This was in the 79th over and Watkinson after a cautious start at last began to look for runs. Everyone else tried to help but Willey and Such kept their heads and several good catches were taken by Leicestershire.

The innings looked to be in its death throes before Simmons, with some beefy blows, became Watkinson's most fruitful partner.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Whitticase b DeFreitas	25
G Fowler b Ferris	75
T E Jesty c Gower b Such	14
N H Fairbrother c Whitaker b Such	43
M Watkinson not out	85
*D P Hughes b Such	9
A N Hayhurst c Whitaker b Willey	4
†W K Hegg c Cobb b Such	0
P J W Allott c Potter b Willey	6
J Simmons not out	27
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 7)	16
Total (8 wkts)	304

I Folley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-83, 3-157, 4-175, 5-206, 6-223, 7-223, 8-250.

Score after 100 overs: 254 for 8.

LEICESTERSHIRE: N E Briers, R A Cobb, P Willey, *D I Gower, J J Whitaker, L Potter, P A J DeFreitas, P M Such, †P Whitticase, J P Agnew, G J F Ferris.

Bonus points: Lancashire 3, Leicestershire 3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J Birkenshaw.

RACING

Flying Klute meets Berry challenger in Haydock match

By Phil McLennan

Klute, officially the fastest horse in the world, will have his first race at the age of nine at Haydock Park next month.

Lesley Bruce, Klute's owner-breeder, has been challenged to a match over six furlongs by Jack Berry, one of the North's leading trainers of sprinters.

The Cockerham trainer was responding to Ms Bruce's open challenge to the racing world in *The Times* on Tuesday.

Granted Jockey Club permission, the race will take place on August 12 at Haydock, the course where Klute set his world record of 44.91mph last month.

Berry has yet to decide which of his many fast horses will take on the unraced Staffordshire stallion. Among the possibles are Great Chaddington, who has good form in group race company to his credit this season, and the sprint handicap winners Restless Don, So Careful and Olympic Challenger.

Details of television coverage have yet to be sorted out but Channel 4 and Granada have already expressed an interest. The franchise for the Lancashire track, though, is held by the BBC.

Klute's record and Ms Bruce's challenge drew a largely sceptical reaction from top trainers in the racing press yesterday, but Ms Bruce's faith in her charge remained unshaken.

"The whole thing's very exciting but I have no apprehensions about my horse's ability — I've total confidence in him. I'm more worried about my lack of racing experience but hopefully the rapport we've built up over the last nine years will make up for that."

Jack Berry: undecided who to pit against Klute

Klute will have an unconventional preparation for his initiation to racing as he has to cover three mares next week. On days when he is not in active service, he will be given a light canter to keep him on his toes.

Other worries for Ms Bruce are the stalls start and both her and Klute's lack of knowledge of the course. "He's been through starting stalls a couple of years ago but we don't want to give away too much ground. So I want to give him some more stalls practice and get him into his stride as quickly as possible.

"The chances are the opposition will have raced at Haydock before so I also hope to get permission for Klute and I to work on the course proper sometime between now and August 12."

Highland Bud in step for Sheikh

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Sheikh Mohammed, currently enjoying a golden streak of success, won his first "Derby" in Ireland yesterday when Highland Bud carried off the Ulster Harp Derby at Down Royal.

Ridden by Australian Ron Quinton, Highland Bud made all the running and comfortably resisted the challenge of Nagistro with the even money favourite, Montefiore, never able to get near the leaders.

Highland Bud started the surprising outsider of the field of four, given that there was a line of two-year-old form through Gold Discovery which made him within a length of Insan, who came so close to beating Kahyasi in the Budweiser Irish Derby.

There will be five more televised races from Down Royal this afternoon with the top attraction the 10-furlong Rotary Group Irish Oaks. This is open to three-year-olds and upwards, and brings into competition fillies and mares from three different generations.

Pickety Place, a stable companion of Montefiore, carried top weight of 10 stone to a five lengths success over Cannon Run at Mallow, but last year did not appear to act on this course when a well-beaten fourth behind Frazzle in this event.

Jim Bolger got a number of bookmakers out of trouble on Irish Derby Day when Lamellieare sprang a surprise in the Ir£20,000 McGrath Stakes.

In the rear to the straight, she quickened under pressure to beat D'Arcy's Thatcher by a length. The distance then was a mile and, if she can cope with the extra two furlongs here, she should be too good for her rivals, one of whom Brown Pearl has the unusual distinction for a three-year-old filly of jumping a fence when carried out at Downpatrick last time out.

Head Of The Gang is certainly having to travel a long way in his attempt to complete a hurdles double this week.

On Monday evening, he scored at Killarney in Co Kerry and now goes to the North of Ireland for the Lagan Crystal Hurdle. As Brendan Sheridan stays in Killarney today, Tommy Carmody substitutes here.

Mrs Meg Mullion wins with a surprisingly high percentage of her horses in training and her two-year-old Emerald Gem, a close-up fourth to New Hampshire at Gowran Park, should live up to this record in the KPMG Peat Marwick Maiden race.

Royal Gait tries shorter trip on recovery mission

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Royal Gait returns to the track for the first time since his controversial disqualification in the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, when he contests today's £46,240 Prix Maurice de Nieuil (12½ furlongs) at Saint-Cloud.

However, Cash Asmussen, his partner at Ascot, has been claimed by Andre Fabre, so Alfred Gibert takes the mount.

The John Fellows trained five-year-old was a facile 'winner' of the Gold Cup, but his connections believe he has the turn of foot to make him effective over this extended 12 furlongs.

Dick Hern, the last English trainer to take this event with Homeric in 1972, saddles the progressive Merce Cunningham (Willie Carson). This good-looking son of Nijinsky is on a five-timer this season, and since he receives 6lb from Royal Gait, has a fine chance over this ideal trip.

So, too, has the three-year-old Frankly Perfect (Guy Guignard), who possibly hit the front too soon when a close third behind Village Star in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud.

Andre Fabre's highly-rated Alsacien (Asmussen), and Yaka, who beat Royal Gait in the Prix du Cadran, add further interest to this group two contest.

Saint-Cloud field

Going: Good

2.55 PRIX MAURICE DE NIEUIL (Gr II) (£46,240: 12½f) (10 runners)
Yaka 5-9-6 (G Mosse), Royal Gait 5-9-6 (A Gibert), Genereux Genie 4-9-0 (D Boeuf), Merce Cunningham 4-9-0 (W Carson), Greyman 4-9-0 (T Jarnet), Shaine 4-9-0 (A Cruz), Frankly Perfect 3-8-5 (G Guignard), Rachmaninov 3-8-5 (F Head), Swintbald 3-8-3 (E Legrix), Alsacien 3-8-3 (C Asmussen).

Betting: 5-2 Royal Gait, 3-1 Frankly Perfect, 4-1 Merce Cunningham, 11-2 Alsacien, 8-1 Yaka, 14-1 Genereux Genie, 16-1 Greyman, 20-1 Swintbald, 25-1 Shaine, Rachmaninov.

Norgabie out of big sprint

Wokingham Handicap runner-up Norgabie, who is among the ante-post market leaders for the William Hill-sponsored Stewards' Cup, is likely to miss the big Goodwood sprint, warns her Ripon trainer Peter Calver.

"At present, the plan is to send Norgabie to Munich for a listed race, the Grosser Preis von Bayern, which is run five days after the Stewards' Cup," Calver said.

Leger entries

Holsten Pils St Leger Stakes (Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: 1m 6f 127yd): Al Mufti, Alwuhush, Apache, Assatis, Bahamian, Baltic Fox, Beau Ideal, Carroll House, Church Lyric, Clifton Chapel, Compton Lady, Dark Lomond, Diminuendo, Emmson, Family Pride, Frankly Perfect, Fridu, Glacial Storm, Green Adventure, Gydaros, Harbane, Hilmead, Insan, Kalakate, Kris Kringle, Mazzacano, Melodist, Minster Son, Misbah, Miss Boniface, Moscow Society, Mashid, Peleus, Polar Gap, Rachmaninov, Red Glow, Brief Lark, Sheriff's Star, Stormine, Sudden Love, Timothy's Toy, Top Class, Triad, True Panache, Unfuwain, Waroquier, Watertight, Zassaran. (To be run at Doncaster, Saturday 10. Next acceptors August 24).

Eric Moller dies

Eric Moller, one of the most successful racehorse breeders of the post-war years, died at his London home earlier this week.

Moller, aged 81, owned and bred the 1983 Derby winner, Teenoso, and together with his brother, "Budgie," who died two years before Teenoso's triumph, owned the White Lodge Stud at Newmarket.

The Moller horses, who carried the famous chocolate and gold colours, were trained by the late Harry Wragg, and then by his son Geoffrey.

The trainer, paying tribute to Mr Moller, said: "Eric's death is very sad and a great loss. His horses will continue to run in the executor's name until everything is sorted out."

Born in Shanghai, Eric Moller founded the White Lodge Stud on the fortune made through his family's shipping line.

The Mollers were renowned for their quality home-bred fillies, who included the 1969 1,000 Guineas winner, Full Dress II, and Irish Guineas winners, Lacquer and Favoletta.

Their best colt was Teenoso, who followed up his Derby success the following season by capturing the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, on both occasions ridden by Lester Piggott.

Eric Moller leaves a widow, Norma, but no children.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Championship

11.0, 110 overs minimum
SOUTHEND: Essex v Derbyshire.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Leicestershire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex.
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Hampshire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire.

Tour match

11.0 to 6.30, 98 overs minimum
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v West Indians.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Heanor: Derbyshire v Leicestershire; Sittingbourne (Gore Court): Kent v Essex; Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire; Newark (Worthington Simpson): Nottinghamshire v Lancashire; The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex; Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire; Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Eastern division: Fenner's: Cambridgeshire v Staffordshire.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Eastbourne open tournament. County matches: Dorset v Leicestershire (Branksome Park); Essex v London Parks (Pymms Park), Oxfordshire v Cambridgeshire (Oxford City and County).
GLIDING: 15-metre National championships (Wycombe Air Park, Marlow).
GOLF: Open championship (Royal Lytham St Annes): English Women's county finals (Stockport).
SHOOTING: National Rifle Association meeting (Bisley).
SPEEDWAY: Knockout Cup: Oxford v Swindon; Ipswich v Cradley. National League: Middlesbrough v Arena Essex. Sheffield open junior championship.
YACHTING: Ruxon Matthews Appleyard International race (Ymuiden, Neth to Hull).

SPORT ON TV

BOXING: C4 11.25 p.m.-12.25 a.m.: Sugar Rey Leonard in conversation.
CANOEING: BBC1 3.25 p.m.: Paddles Up: Norwich Union Trophy final from Llangollen.
CRICKET: BBC2 Wales 11 a.m.-1.20 p.m., 1.35-7.30 p.m. (includes golf). S4C 10.55 a.m.-12 p.m., 2-4.15, 6-6.30 p.m.: Tour match: Glamorgan v West Indians from Swansea.
CYCLING: C4 6.30-7 p.m.: Tour de France 1988: Twelfth stage: Morzine to L'Alpe d'Huez.
GOLF: BBC2 11 a.m.-1.20 p.m., 1.35-7.35 p.m. BBC1 11.20 p.m.-12.05 a.m. Highlights: Open championship: First round from Royal Lytham and St Annes.

TENNIS

Austin is keen to return after lengthy absence

From Barry Wood, Newport, Rhode Island

The former world No. 1, Tracy Austin, is planning a return to competitive tennis after an absence of four and a half years. Austin, aged 25, had her career cut short by a back injury in 1983, when she was forced to retire in a semi-final against Wendy Turnbull at Eastbourne.

Although she attempted a comeback in February of the following year, Austin was beaten in the second round of both the Virginia Slims of Chicago and the United States Indoors, and has not played a tournament since.

Austin has asked Robin White to partner her in doubles, either at the Virginia Slims of San Diego, where ironically Austin won her last singles title in 1982, or at the Northern California Open in Aptos.

Austin, the youngest player to win the United States Open, has promised for years that she would make a comeback, but her claims lost credibility as she made no move to return.

However, she has remained in shape and practises regularly with several of her former collegues, leaving them in no doubt that she could be successful again. "She's still a hell of a player, and I wouldn't play with her if I didn't think we could win the tournament," White said.

Although Austin views the partnership in light-hearted manner, there is little doubt that should she put together a few victories then she may be tempted to rejoin the circuit.

Meanwhile, the top seeds, Pam Shriver and Lori McNeil, struggled through the opening round of the Virginia Slims of Newport. Shriver produced a far-from-convincing performance in defeating Terry Phelps 7-5, 6-1, and McNeil needed to save two break points to prevent Michelle Jaggard taking a 4-1 lead in the first set.

"I was playing well and felt I could break her at almost any stage," Jaggard said. "But once she pulled off that fifth game I was holding back because I didn't have enough confidence in my serve."

RESULTS: First round (US unless stated): P Shriver bt T Phelps, 7-5, 6-1; L McNeil bt M Jaggard (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; G Magers bt K Adams, 6-3, 6-2; W White bt W Turnbull (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; K Steinmetz bt T Mochizuki, 7-5, 6-2; A Scott bt J Ingram, 6-2, 7-5; L Antonopolis bt J Smoller, 7-5, 6-1; J Richardson (Aus) bt C Bakkum (Neth), 6-0, 7-6; C Christian bt J Santrock, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Five Britons in Olympics

Anne Hobbs, the British No. 1, who missed Wimbledon because of injury, Jo Durie and Sara Gomer have been included in the 44-strong draw for the Olympic women's singles in Seoul, following their nominations by the Lawn Tennis Association. Hobbs and Durie will play in the doubles.

Jeremy Bates, who will be Britain's only representative in the men's singles, will partner Andrew Castle in the doubles.

The singles draws are headed by the Wimbledon champions, Steffi Graf and Stefan Edberg.

Beecher's quest

Colin Beecher, the national junior champion, leads the Kent tennis team's challenge for a treble of county titles at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, next week.

HOCKEY

Draw will suit England fine

From Sydney Friskin, Santander

England need only a draw against Netherlands here today to finish on top of their group in the Junior European championship, having already made sure of their place in the semi-finals two days ago.

West Germany, who are in a class of their own, having scored 15 goals and conceded none in two matches, seem most likely to win group A, in which case they will meet the runners-up in group B, which could be either England or Netherlands.

The Dutch look wonderfully composed at the back but their lack sting in attack was revealed in their goalless draw on Tuesday with Austria. "I feel certain that we shall win our group," the England manager, David Pattison, said yesterday. "We are in a happy position having already achieved our initial purpose of qualifying for next year's Junior World Cup."

England will today field the same side that beat Poland 5-2 with Lee holding his position at inside left in place of the unfit Laslett. They have been practising their short-corner drill and are believed to have a few tricks up their sleeve.

Austria will play Poland today in the same group without Manfred Fleischmarcker, who has been suspended for one match by the technical delegate for persistent tough play. The Austrians have yet to score in two matches and the Poles might well achieve their first victory.

In the other group the most likely runners-up to West Germany are the Soviet Union, who play Scotland today. The Soviets looked much improved when they beat Spain 3-1 on Tuesday and must be fancied to beat the Scots who have no chance of reaching the semi-finals.

TODAY'S MATCHES: Group A: West Germany v Spain; Soviet Union v Scotland. Group B: England v Netherlands; Austria v Poland.

RUGBY UNION

Bedford look to future

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Midlands is a hive of activity this summer as clubs make their dispositions for the 1988-89 League season. Leicester and Nottingham have already announced sponsorship plans, Northampton have undergone something of a Palace revolution and Bedford, who came so close to promotion from the second division three months ago, have launched a £120,000 appeal to improve facilities at Goldington Road.

With great foresight, Bedford have also established a computer database for job vacancies among local companies which their publicity material describes as "Jobs for the Blues" (the club's nickname). Their intention is to offer advice on possible careers to students leaving college or university and, for that matter, promising rugby players who may be moving into their catchment area.

"One has to look at it professionally in the way we search for good players," Ken Phillips, the Bedford chairman, said yesterday. His club is also hoping, in the long term, to attract representative matches to Goldington Road, hence the desire to upgrade their facilities which may eventually include levelling the pronounced slope on their first team pitch. They are offering £1,000 packages to potential sponsors under their Blue Riband appeal scheme and hope to reach their target over the next 12 months.

Blackheath to wait for Keay

Blackheath said yesterday that Alex Keay remains their coach, despite reports claiming the former Saracens player had joined London Welsh.

Keay confirmed that London Welsh had made an approach for him but he has agreed to tell the Blackheath chairman, Frank McCarthy, of his decision before informing anyone else. McCarthy expects to hear from Keay this weekend.

The Blackheath president, John Williamson, said: "We hope the announcement by London Welsh will not pre-empt any decision on the part of Alex, whom we are very keen to keep. We have no reason to doubt Alex's word and, as far as we understand, we still have an agreement with him."

Mercer to supervise double success

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Sheikh Maktoum Al-Maktoum's racing manager, Joe Mercer, the former champion jockey, will be at Newmarket early this morning to ride his employer's exciting two-year-old Weldnass in a gallop that will form an important part of his preparation for the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood later this month.

Then it will be on to Yarmouth where, in the absence of their respective trainers Michael Stoute and Olivier Douieb and the Sheikh's overall manager Michael Goodbody, who are in Kentucky for the impending yearling sales, he will supervise the running of Rumoosh (3.15) and Sky Conqueror (3.45).

At the end of the day, Mercer will be a disappointed man if he cannot report back to base that they have both won.

For following that three-length win at Nottingham last month, Ramoosh is my idea of the day's best bet to win the Conway Stakes while Sky Conqueror, already a winner on the course this season, has a clear chance of capturing the Eastern Evening News Handicap.

Even before the season began, George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, reported that Michael Stoute had a good filly in his care called Ramoosh even though her first outing had been delayed.

Hopes were high that she might develop into an Oaks candidate, but such high-flying plans had to be shelved when Ramoosh had a set-back in training in the spring.

Given the requisite time to recover, though, she duly gave vent to her trainer's assertion that she would get black type before the season ended when winning her first race far more easily than the bare form suggested.

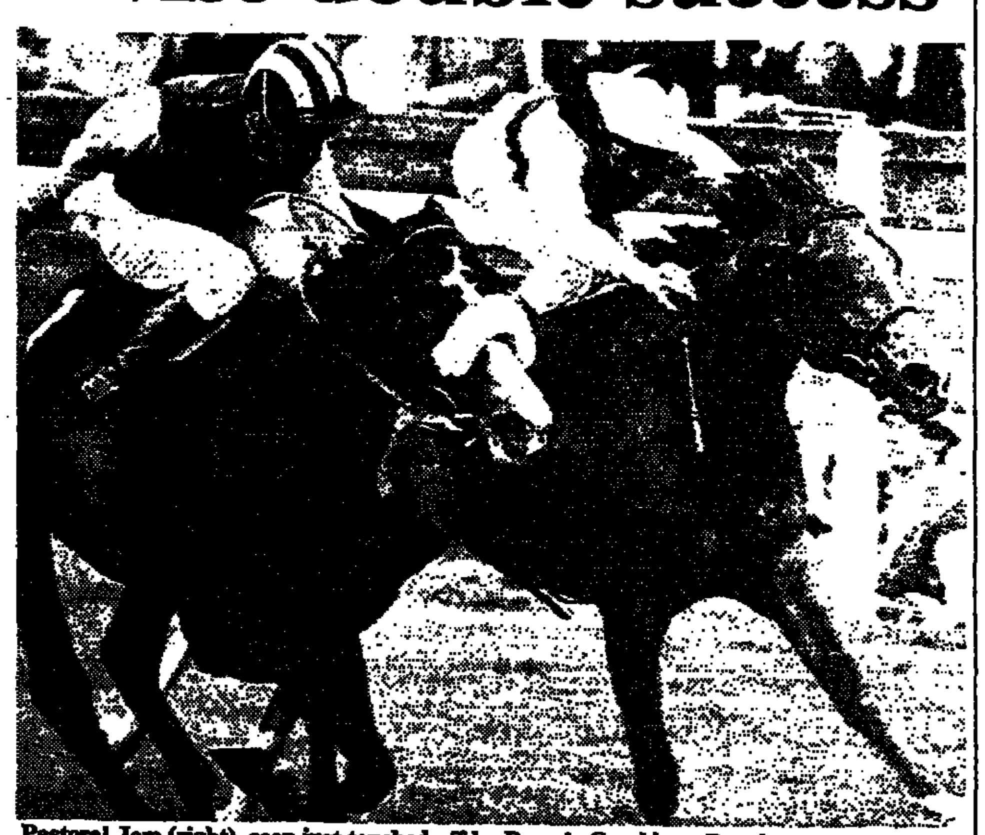
For the uninitiated, black type refers to the reverence in which pattern races are held at the sales and consequently in breeding circles.

In the circumstances, it will be disappointing if Ramoosh fails to beat the Sandown winner Upend and Casey, who would have won far more easily at Catterick a week ago if her jockey had not dropped his hands.

Sadly, there will be a turnout of three for the British Coal Welsh Derby at Chepstow as well.

While conceding that the presence of the Italian Derby runner-up, **Carroll House**, may well have frightened some of the potential runners away, owners and trainers should still not complain if the sponsor withdraws its support in the future, especially in view of its results announced yesterday.

Bruce Raymond, who rides Carroll House for Michael Jarvis, will also be hoping to win the Fleur De Lys Maiden Fillies' Stakes on Primavera Way, who was a late withdrawal from the last race at Leicester on Tuesday.



Pastoral Jem (right), seen just touched off by Barry's Gamble at Royal Ascot, attempts to get back on the winning trail in the Willow Graduation Stakes at Kempton

But I still must prefer **Basic Star**, who will appreciate this drop in class having run so well to finish fifth in that hot handicap, the Fern Hill Stakes, at Ascot last time.

Before even that good run she showed that she had all the makings of a winner of a race of this nature when finishing fourth at Goodwood behind Ohsomellow, Cielamour and Thunderflash.

Earlier in the day, though, Raymond could easily have won the EBF Willow Graduation Stakes at Kempton on **Looting**, especially if Pastoral Jem fails to reproduce his Royal Ascot form the way he did at Ripon last time out.

While on the subject of running up to one's best, **Defence Policy**, who was second to both Doyoun and Zelphi as a two-year-old and Tay Wharf this year, has only to do that to have the Poplar Maiden Stakes at his mercy.

Blinkered first time

YARMOUTH: 2.45 New Street. 4.45 Inspired Love. HAMILTON: 8.15 Madam Taylor.

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Fancy Pearl.
2.30 Defence Policy.
3.00 Looting.
3.30 Urizen.
4.00 Ajanac.
4.30 Nero.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 My Mayah.
2.30 Perceive.
3.00 Looting.
3.30 —
4.00 —
4.30 Nero

Michael Seely's selection: 4.00 Ajanac.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 DEFENCE POLICY.

Going: good **Draw: 7f and above, high numbers best**

2.0 LARCH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,050: 6f) (15 runners)

101	(2)		ABLE VALE (M Poland) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	—
102	(7)		BONPHARD (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
103	(9)	02	BRASSY NELL 24 (Mrs M Nelson) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	● 99
106	(5)	0	CREDIT LINE 36 (Mrs A Mackintosh) R Boss 8-11	B Raymond	84
107	(8)	0	DARING CLASS 22 (Lady Parr) A Turnell 8-11	R Curant	85
109	(11)	0	FANCY PEARL 13 (D Agnew) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	96
111	(14)		GAIJIN (H Kaskel) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	—
115	(3)	00	MRS GATES 10 (Plantlow Ltd) R Akehurst 8-11	R Hills (5)	87
116	(10)	0	MY MAYAH 16 (Mrs D Swinburn) J Winter 8-11	A Kimberley	—
117	(13)		OSTORA (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11	NON-RUNNER	—
118	(6)		PETITE ROSANNA (T Mills) D A Wilson 8-11	J Williams	—
119	(1)	000	PUFF PUFF 40 (P Crees) H O'Neill 8-11	J Reid	94
121	(4)		RIVER VIEW ROAD (Mrs W McAlpine) D Morley 8-11	—	—
123	(12)		SKIPPER (The Queen) I Balding 8-11	T Ives	—
124	(15)		SOMERSET CIDER (W Langley) K Brassey 8-11	N Adams	—

BETTING: 3-1 Bonphard, 4-1 Fancy Pearl, Brassy Nell, 11-2 Gaijin, 10-1 Skipper, 12-1 Mrs Gates, My Mayah, 16-1 others.

1987: GLOWING REPORT 8-11 Pat Eddery (Evens fav) J Winter 11 ran

FORM BRASSY NELL (8-11) 2½l 2nd to Vagrant Wind (8-11) at Brighton (6f mdn, £959, firm, June 20, 6 ran).
ABLE VALE (Foaled 7 May) Cost 12,000gns, by Formidable, a half-sister to mile and 1m 1f winner Make Your Bid.
BONPHARD (Foaled 22 May 86) Cost 100,000gns, by Lyphard, a half-sister to winners Hanouf (11f) and Irish filly Bonny Irish Lass (1m 4f).
CREDIT LINE (8-11) 13½l 8th to Hope And Glory (8-11) at Yarmouth (6f mdn, £1,572, good to firm, June 8, 11 ran).
FANCY PEARL (8-11) 8½l 6th to Intebah (8-11) at Sandown (7f mdn, £4,085, good, July 1, 10 ran).
PETITE ROSANNA (Foaled 17 Mar) Cost 6,000gns, by Ile De Bourbon, dam Let Slip had ability at two, a half-sister to moderate sprinter Susan Henchard.
Selection: BRASSY NELL.

2.30 POPLAR MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,586: 7f) (11 runners).

201	(4)	4-34030	BIG CHIEF 26 (A Rudolf) Mrs L Piggott 9-0	T Ives	77
202	(7)	0-00000	COMMUNIDATA LAD 16 (Communidata Ltd) R Curtis 9-0	—	—
203	(3)	222-200	DEFENCE POLICY 40 (BF) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	● 99
205	(5)	0-20000	EMPIRE JOY 10 (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 9-0	P Cook	81
206	(1)		GAME TRY (R Percival) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
209	(10)	00-	IMPERIAL FLIGHT 397 (Mrs M Francis) M Francis 9-0	J Reid	—
211	(8)	0	MOVE NORTH 9 (Mrs J Lloyd) P Makin 9-0	T Quinn	—
212	(2)	0-4	PENULTIMATION 13 (Mrs L Ward) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	71
213	(11)	00-	ROYAL STANFORD 320 (H Bristol) G Balding 9-0	J Williams	—
215	(9)	0-0	WABIL 33 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0	M Roberts	—
218	(6)	04	PERCEIVE 24 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-11	W Ryan	86

BETTING: 9-4 Perceive, 5-2 Defence Policy, 3-1 Penultimation, 8-1 Empire Joy, 12-1 Big Chief, 14-1 Wabil, 16-1 others.

1987: PUPPET SHOW 9-0 W Carson (8-1) W Hastings Bass 10 ran

FORM BIG CHIEF (9-0) best effort 4½l 3rd to Persistent Bell (8-6) at Pontefract (6f mdn, £1,736, firm, May 27, 8 ran).
DEFENCE POLICY (8-0) 5½l 8th to Prince Of Birds (9-0) at The Curragh (1m Gp1, £131,300, good to soft, May 14, 14 ran).
GAME TRY by Mummy's Game, dam 5f winner Pariscene and half-sister to Runnet; closely related to several sprint winners.
MOVE NORTH (9-0) 11l 6th to Hibernian Gold (9-0) at Chepstow (1m mdn, £1,791, good to soft, July 5, 14 ran).
PENULTIMATION (9-0) 5½l 4th to Halcyon Days (9-0) at Haydock (1m mdn, £2,455, firm, July 1, 7 ran).
PERCEIVE (8-11) 7l 4th to Samya's Flame (9-7) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f Grad, £959, good to firm, June 20, 6 ran).
Selection: DEFENCE POLICY

3.0 EBF WILLOW STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,830: 6f) (4 runners)

301	(1)	01	LOOTING 22 (D,F) (Mrs M Burrell) W Jarvis 9-3	B Raymond	80
303	(3)	421220	PASTORAL JEM 21 (BF,F) (J Jones) M Francis 9-3	Pat Eddery	● 99
308	(4)		LAVA FALLS (M Riordan) W Hastings-Bass 8-6	P Cook	—
310	(2)		REMEMBER WHEN (P Purcell) R Hannon 8-6	B Rouse	—

BETTING: 8-13 Pastoral Jem, 11-4 Looting, 5-1 Lava Falls, 16-1 Remember When.

1987: SAHARA SOUND 8-11 B Rouse (3-1) R Hannon 4 ran

FORM LOOTING (9-0) beat Shadeaux (9-0) a head at Ripon (6f mdn, £1999, firm, June 22, 11 ran).
PASTORAL JEM (9-6) best effort short-head 2nd to Barrys Gamble (9-6) at Royal Ascot (5f, £11517, firm, June 17, 13 ran).
LAVA FALLS (Foaled Mar 20) Cost $72,000 as a foal. By Riverman, is a half-brother to winners in the States.
REMEMBER WHEN (Foaled May 3) Cost 17,000gns as a yearling. Taufan colt who is a half-brother to useful Irish sprinter Dubel Boy.
Selection: PASTORAL JEM

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3.30 OAK HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,547: 1m 6f) (5 runners)

402	(4)	0210	URIZEN 7 (S) (K Al-Said) D Elsworth 9-7	Pat Eddery	93
403	(5)	0-00020	VICEROY MELODY 21 (F Broom) R Hannon 8-3	A McGlone	94
404	(2)	000-140	PATROCLUS 52 (S) (A Clarke) R Voorspuy 8-2	M Roberts	● 99
405	(1)	000	EASY TIME 61 (C Wates) P Cole 7-12	R Fox	96
406	(3)	00-0040	BITTER CREEK 34 (R Richards) H O'Neill 7-7	T Williams	90

Long handicap: Bitter Creek 7-6.

BETTING: 13-8 Urizen, 3-1 Viceroy Melody, 4-1 Patroclus, Bitter Creek, 12-1 Easy Times.

1987: NORTHERN ALLIANCE 8-1 N Adams (11-2) G Lewis 6 ran

FORM URIZEN (9-0) best effort neck victory over Henbane (9-0) at Newbury (1m 5f 60y mdn, £3366, good to soft, June 9, 10 ran).
VICEROY MELODY (8-7) best effort 3l 2nd to Tapageur (9-0) at Goodwood (1m 4f claim, £2278, good to firm, June 6, 13 ran).
PATROCLUS (8-9) best effort short-head victory over Lesbet (8-1) at Lingfield (1m 4f claim, £2082, good to soft, April 9, 14 ran).
EASY TIME (9-0) best effort 8l 7th to Alkharif (9-0) at Bath (1m 3f 150y mdn, £1306, good to firm, April 26, 12 ran).
BITTER CREEK (8-6) 10l 5th to Ikdam (9-2) at Chepstow (1m 4f hcap, £1451, good, June 10, 16 ran).
Selection: URIZEN

4.0 ELM HANDICAP STAKES (£2,743: 6f) (9 runners)

501	(2)	00014-1	AJANAC 20 (D,F,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 4-10-12 (7ex)	Pat Eddery	● 99
502	(6)	010204	GALLANT HOPE 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) L Cottrell 6-9-10	Tanya Mayne (7)	98
503	(1)	000230	LUNA BID 27 (CD,F,G,S) (A Hall) M Blanshard 5-9-10	T Ives	95
506	(8)	00-0031	BERTIE WOOSTER 5 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss A Rawding) R Holder 5-9-7 (7ex)	M Roberts	97
509	(7)	010001	GREEN DOLLAR 8 (D,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) E Wheeler 5-9-0 (7ex)	L Riggio (5)	95
511	(5)	00-0404	DEPUTY HEAD 22 (D,F,G,S) (P Callard) L Holt 8-8-12	J Williams	95
514	(9)	0-00021	NAWWAR 9 (D,S) (C Benstead) C Benstead 4-8-6 (7ex)	D McKay	96
515	(3)	00400-0	KING'S FALCON 19 (R Campbell) L Cottrell 3-8-5	I Johnson	92
517	(4)	004030	MAJOR JACKO 14 (D,S) (J Horgan) R Hannon 5-7-8	G Hills (7)	97

BETTING: 3-1 Ajanac, 100-30 Bertie Wooster, 9-2 Green Dollar, 5-1 Nawwar, 7-1 Gallant Hope, 10-1 Luna Bid, Deputy Head, 14-1 others.

1987: STOCK HILL LASS 5-9-0 N Adams (9-1) L Cottrell 10 ran

FORM AJANAC (9-10) beat Fremont Boy (8-10) 2½l at Lingfield (6f hcap, £4143, good to firm, June 24, 8 ran).
GALLANT HOPE (9-4) 4½l 4th to Derwent Valley (8-11) at Nottingham (6f hcap, £8207, firm, June 27, 9 ran).
LUNA BID (9-10) best effort 3½l 3rd to Fremont Boy (8-5) at Goodwood (6f hcap, £2983, good to firm, May 27, 9 ran).
BERTIE WOOSTER (8-8) beat Fremont Boy (8-3) 2l at Salisbury (6f hcap, £2813, good, July 9, 10 ran).
NAWWAR (9-2) beat Thekkian (9-0) 1½l at Chepstow (7f hcap, £1440, good to soft, July 5, 13 ran).
MAJOR JACKO (8-13) 2½l 6th to Ferryman (9-10) at Brighton (6f hcap, £2166, good to firm, June 30, 7 ran).
Selection: BERTIE WOOSTER

4.30 KENILWORTH APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (£2,089: 1m) (9 runners)

601	(4)	3-00202	NERO 15 (B,BF,S) (Mrs L Piggott) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-10	Donna Hayman (7)	● 99
602	(5)	000-042	MRS PISTOL 35 (D Allan) C Wall 4-9-6	W Litwin (7)	93
605	(7)	04-0000	CRETE CARGO 3 (F,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 5-8-12	A Riding	98
606	(9)	4-00000	INDIAN SET 36 (S) (J Hansley) P Howling 4-8-8	G Foster	97
607	(2)	222433	SPARKFORD LAD 12 (B,D,G,S) (A Wheatley) D Elsworth 6-8-6	Debbie Wheatley (7)	95
609	(1)	0-01300	EXHAUST LADY 26 (D,F) (P Gallager Cont Ltd) Miss B Sanders 8-8-3	N Gwilliams	97
610	(3)	00-3300	FOOTSTOOL 35 (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 5-8-2	M Marshall	98
611	(8)	200-000	DONOR 37 (R Bennett) Mrs C Reavey 6-7-13	Karen Martin (7)	—
613	(6)	0330-00	MR CHRIS GATEAUX 6 (T Hartley) D L Williams 6-7-7	D D'Arcy (5)	88

BETTING: 3-1 Nero, 7-2 Sparkford Lad, 9-2 Exhaust Lady, Footstool, 6-1 Mrs Pistol, 12-1 Indian Set, Crete Cargo, 14-1 others.

1987: TALK OF GLORY 6-8-1 T Lang (15-2) L Cottrell 11 ran

FORM NERO (11-7) neck 2nd to Maiman (10-10) at Kempton (1m 1f am hcap, £2644, good to firm, June 29, 16 ran).
MRS PISTOL (8-5) 5l 2nd to Imperial Friend (7-13) at Newbury (1m app hcap, £3954, good to soft, June 9, 11 ran) with SPARKFORD LAD (7-7) 3½l away 4th.
SPARKFORD LAD (8-4) subsequently 3½l 3rd to Deputy Tim (8-7) at Haydock (1m app hcap, £2851, firm, July 2, 8 ran).
EXHAUST LADY (8-0) best effort 1½l 5th to Cor De Chasse (8-4) at Epsom (7f claim, £4526, good, June 4, 19 ran).
FOOTSTOOL (8-7) best effort 6½l 3rd to Naatell (9-2) at Leicester (1m 2f hcap, £3225, good to soft, April 23, 18 ran).
Selection: NERO

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Tree	11	33	33.3	Pat Eddery	31	144	21.5
G Harwood	10	42	23.8	G Starkey	9	58	15.5
L Cottrell	4	19	21.1	N Adams	9	59	15.3
P Cole	12	61	19.7	M Roberts	7	53	13.2
W Hastings-Bass	4	23	17.4	T Quinn	10	79	12.7
D Elsworth	10	64	15.6	W Ryan	3	28	10.7

(Not including last night's results)

YARMOUTH

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Buckra Mellisuga.
2.45 Anna May Wong.
3.15 RUMOOSH (nap).
3.45 Sky Conqueror.
4.15 Go Raball Go.
4.45 Symi.

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2.15 Israr.
2.45 New Street.
3.15 RUMOOSH (nap).
3.45 Sky Conqueror.
4.15 Go Raball Go.
4.45 Symi.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 RUMOOSH (nap)

Guide to our in-line racecard

103	(12)	0-0432	GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best up to 1m**

2.15 FERRIER MAIDEN STAKES (£964: 1m) (10 runners)

1	(7)	420000-	BUCKRA MELLISUGA 257 (Abegail Ltd) J Toller 4-9-5	G Duffield	95
2	(3)	0000-00	EMPEROR HOTFOOT 15 (Wall Bros Ltd) C Spares 4-8-5	N Carson (7)	87
3	(4)	4/00000	NAOBI'S STAR 371 (C Bravery) C Bravery 4-9-2	W Wharton	—
6	(10)		BRAVE SETANTA (S Gollogly) R Hutchinson 3-8-8	A Shoults (3)	—
7	(2)	24-3	ISRAR 92 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-8	R Hills	—
11	(1)	00	ROCKSAVAGE 77 (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-5	Paul Eddery	● 99
14	(5)		ARTISTIC LICENCE (Prince A Salman) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-5	B Crossley	—
15	(6)	2-04	BUZUGH 6 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-5	NON-RUNNER	—
16	(9)		HACE (F Orielli) L Cumani 3-8-5	L Dettori (5)	—
20	(8)	0-0	VALIKA 16 (Mrs D Clifton) J Winter 3-8-5	P Robinson	97

BETTING: 13-8 Israr, 7-2 Valika, Hace, 8-1 Artistic Licence, 10-1 Rocksavage, 14-1 others.

1987: PRINCE BOCA 8-8 M Roberts (8-11 fav) A Stewart 6 ran

2.45 SPANISH PARADE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £889: 6f) (10 runners)

1	(8)	0000	ASIAN GUNNER 8 (A Gunn-Forbes) W Jarvis 8-11	R Hills	—
2	(4)	00	BELGIUM SUCCESS 12 (R Popely) F Durr 8-11	G Duffield	—
4	(5)		MERSEYSIDE MAN (Mrs S Scargill) Dr J Scargill 8-11	S Cauthen	—
5	(9)	330033	ANNA MAY WONG 8 (S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 8-6	P Bloomfield	● 99
8	(2)	000	LADY PRIMROSE 37 (G Blum) G Blum 8-6	P Robinson	—
10	(10)	0	MILTON GIRL 47 (D Poole) G Blum 8-6	—	—
11	(1)	00310	MOOR FROLICKING 31 (CD,F) (M Evans) T M Jones 8-6	G Bardwell(3)	97
12	(6)	0	NEW STREET 20 (B) (R Trussell Jnr) B Hanbury 8-6	Paul Eddery	89
14	(3)	006	QUIET BAY 28 (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 8-6	N Day	80
17	(7)	043	VALENTINE LADY 14 (T Judge) W Stubbs 8-6	D Nicholls	92

BETTING: 7-4 Anna May Wong, 5-2 Moor Frolicking, 4-1 Valentine lady, 6-1 New Street, 12-1 Asian Gunner, 14-1 others.

1987: SHADY BAY 8-9 R Cochrane (4-1) I Matthews 7 ran

3.15 CONWAY STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,502: 1m 3f 110yd) (3 runners)

2	(2)	3-1	UPEND 33 (G) (P Player) H Cecil 8-13	S Cauthen	96
5	(3)	1	RUMOOSH 31 (F) (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-8	A Kimberley	● 99
6	(1)	0-21	CASEY 7 (G) (G Leigh) L Cumani 8-7	L Dettori (5)	93

BETTING: 11-8 Upend, 7-4 Rumoosh, 9-4 Casey.

1987: OUR ACCOUNT 8-10 R Cochrane (evens fav) L Cumani 5 ran

3.45 EASTERN EVENINGS NEWS HANDICAP STAKES (£2,469: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

2	(2)	0110-03	SWIMMER 16 (CD,BF,F,G) (Quality Castings Ltd) G Huffer 5-9-10	C Rate(3)	98
3	(4)	3210-00	OPERATIC SCORE 93 (D,F) (Mrs B Tuckwell) J Jenkins 4-9-6	R Hills	97
4	(7)	000-121	SKY CONQUEROR 15 (CD,F) (M Al Maktoum) O Douieb 3-9-5 (5ex)	Paul Eddery	● 99
6	(3)	30-3324	OLD EROS 13 (CD,F,G) (T Child) R Williams 4-8-13	S Cauthen	96
10	(5)	2-00443	AU BON 22 (D Hunnisett) D Morley 3-8-3	Dale Gibson(5)	98
12	(6)	000-020	JAY GEE ELL 5 (F,G) (A Fiber) E Eldin 4-8-1	J Quinn(5)	98
13	(1)	000-000	HAY STREET 16 (F,G) (Mrs J Curson) R Champion 7-7-7	G Bardwell(3)	—

Long Handicap: Hay Street 7-1.

BETTING: 15-8 Sky Conqueror, 7-2 Swimmer, 4-1 Old Eros, 6-1 Au Bon, 9-1 Operatic Score, 12-1 Jay Gee Ell, 20-1 Hay Street.

1987: VAGUE MELODY 5-8-7 T Ives (7-4 fav) L Piggott 8 ran

4.15 HIGH STEWARD CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: £1,710: 7f) (9 runners)

1	(3)	0	RINCON 19 (J Livock) M Prescott 9-7	G Duffield	94
3	(7)	0340	YOUNG SHAVER 22 (P H Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 8-13	P Hutton (5)	92
4	(6)		CITY NATIVE (K Brown) P Haslam 8-12	J Quinn (5)	—
5	(4)	00	JOSHYKIN 8 (M Lee) K Ivory 8-11	P Robinson	—
6	(2)	0	REGGIE BOY 7 (R Wilmot) P Haslam 8-11	B Crossley	—
8	(9)	022140	GO RABALL GO 8 (C,F) (A Irish) C Allen 8-9	G Bardwell (3)	98
10	(1)	00	SIMASCALA 20 (F Parker) I Campbell 8-6	R Morse(5)	80
12	(8)	0	WENTBRIDGE GIRL 18 (K Morrell) W Stubbs 8-6	D Nicholls	● 99
13	(5)	0	WINDBURN 16 (C Pennick) C Williams 8-5	G Carter	—

BETTING: 2-1 Rincon, 5-2 Wentbridge Girl, 7-2 Go Raball Go, 11-2 Young Shaver, 8-1 Simascala, 10-1 others.

1987: PERNIENTE 8-11 G Baxter (10-1) C Brittain 11 ran

4.45 FRED ARMSTRONG APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £1,696: 6f) (9 runners)

1	(6)	200-041	SYMI 6 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Cambanis) John FitzGerald 9-8 (7ex)	D Parkinson (8)	94
2	(9)	0-44330	SCHOOL CONCERT 20 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 9-7	S Giles (5)	98
3	(1)	002000	CAPTAIN CUTE 254 (J Foulds) D Thom 9-7	—	86
5	(8)	000040	UP THE KOP 6 (B,D,F) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 9-3	J Quinn	90
6	(4)	000003	TZUTIN 12 (F) (D) (D Lee) Mrs N Macauley 9-0	A Shoults	96
7	(7)	0020	INSPIRED LOVE 5 (B) (M Obaida) B Hanbury 8-13	G Bardwell	90
11	(2)	030030	VANISHING SPIRIT 12 (A Brett) D Usher 8-1	P Barnard	● 99
12	(3)	0040-0	EASTERN EVENING 42 (Eastern Newspapers) M Tompkins 8-0	P Hutton	90
16	(5)	000000	YOUNG GERARD 275 (Miss R Cleary) M Chapman 7-7	—	—

BETTING: 3-1 School Concert, 7-2 Tzutin, 4-1 Symi, 6-1 Vanishing Spirit, 7-1 Inspired Love, 10-1 Up The Kop, 12-1 Captain Cute, 14-1 others.

1987: AL-TORFANAN 8-12 J Quinn (4-1) Pat Mitchell 7 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	30	70	42.9	S Cauthen	34	117	29.1
M Stoute	26	83	31.3	A Kimberley	8	30	26.7
L Cumani	13	64	20.3	Paul Eddery	7	50	14.0
M Prescott	4	23	17.4	G Bardwell	4	31	12.9
P Haslam	11	64	17.2	Only qualifiers			
B Hanbury	8	47	17.0				

(Not including yesterday's results)

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin

6.45 Hafir. 7.15 Basic Star. 7.45 Thekkian. 8.15 Carroll House. 8.45 Cultural Attache. 9.15 Millpond Boy.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

7.15 Primavera Way. 7.45 Godstruth. 8.15 Carroll House.

Going: good to soft
Draw: high numbers best up to 1m

6.45 EBF MAPLE GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,360: 5f) (4 runners)

1	1040	BEAUCADEAU 22 (D,S) K Brassey 9-7	W Newnes 2
2	0134	BELLA ROSSI 35 (D,G) M McCormack 9-2	B Raymond 1
4	0	AB-ADY 5 M McCormack 8-11	R Street 3
5	3223	HAFIR 27 C Benstead 8-11	B Rouse 4

10-11 Hafir, 5-2 Bella Rossi, 7-2 Beaucadeau, 16-1 Ab-Ady.

7.15 FLEUR DE LYS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,392: 7f) (14)

1	0	ABER COTHI 8 G Balding 8-11	J Williams 6
4	0440	BASIC STAR 26 P Walwyn 8-11	N Howe 2
6	200	DAISY MILLER 21 P Cundell 8-11	S Whitworth 1
9	-000	FIRST TRADITION 45 C Hill 8-11	P D'Arcy 8
10	0-	FIVE STAR PET 287 D Wintle 8-11	C Rutter 5
11	-000	GLORY HILL 9 P Howling 8-11	— 13
13	0-23	LEXIA 65 (BF) D Murray-Smith 8-11	R Wernham 12
15	0	MEOLE BRACE 9 B Palling 8-11	D McKay 7
17		MOSCADA H Candy 8-11	W Newnes 9
18		MY MAZIONAH D Marks 8-11	G Baxter 14
20	4-3	PRIMAVERA WAY 16 (B) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond 11
21	0	ROSE LILLIAN 21 L Cottrell 8-11	I Johnson 10
25	4-00	TOUCH OF HAPPINESS 15 W Brooks 8-11	— 3
26	00	TREMMIN 33 R Hills 8-11	M Hills 4

9-4 Primavera Way, 100-30 Basic Star, 4-1 Lexia, 6-1 Daisy Miller, 8-1 Tremmin, 10-1 Moscada, 14-1 others.

7.45 AVON STAKES HANDICAP (£1,775: 6f) (20)

3	0003	GREENHIL JAZZ TIME 8 R Simpson 4-9-10	M Gallagher (7) 8
6	-002	GODSTRUTH 23 (B,D,F,G,S) H Thomson Jones 9-8-10	D D'Arcy (7) 2
7	0044	CORN STREET 9 (CD,F,G,S) J Bosley 10-8-9	W Newnes 3
10	0040	SECRET ARCH 19 B Palling 3-8-7	J Williams 14
11	0400	FORMATUNE 45 (B,F,G) M Francis 6-8-7	J Reid 19
12	0432	THEKKIAN 9 (G) R Hollinshead 4-8-6	A Culhane (3) 5
16	0000	CREAM AND GREEN 9 (S) K White 4-8-3	R Wernham 13
19	000/	HARTNELLS FOLLY 985 W Turner 5-8-1	J Curant 17
21	-000	HORWOOD LAD 8 (V) J Bosley 3-7-12	— 4
22	0-00	PEACONPALA 3 (BF,F) R Morris 3-7-12	— 9
23	0003	BLOFFA 7 (D,S) P Cundell 4-7-11	A McGlone 7
26	0034	JABE MAC 9 (D,F) J Holt 4-7-10	N Adams 6
27	0102	HARRY'S COMING 9 (D,F,S) R Hodges 4-7-8	P D'Arcy 1
28	40-0	FLOPET 9 R Hodges 4-7-8	S Wood 10
29	-004	KEEL 9 K Bridgwater 4-7-7	— 11
30	000-	MR KEWMILL 176J (G) J Bennett 5-7-7	J Carter (5) 20
31	0400	JAMES DE COOMBE 23 M Bolton 6-7-7	N Carlisle 12
32	00CF	HEAVENLY CAROL 7 (S) P Cundell 5-7-7	M McConnell (7) 16
33	0000	EVER SO SHARP 9 (C,F,G) J P Smith 5-7-7	R Street 18
34	00-0	SPRING GEM 45 P Hayward 4-7-7	G Hills (7) 15

9-4 Thekkian, 6-1 Godstruth, Corn Street, 7-1 Greenhil Jazz Time, Formatune, 8-1 Jabe Mac, 10-1 Bloffa, others.

8.15 BRITISH COAL WELSH DERBY STAKES (3-Y-O: £10,867: 1m 4f) (3)

3	-332	CARROLL HOUSE 46 (S) M Jarvis 8-9	B Raymond 2
5	0140	GOLDEN WAVE 30 (F,S) W Hern 8-9	W Carson 1
6	3042	PETRULLO 7 R Casey 8-9	J Reid 3

10-11 Golden Wave, 5-4 Carroll House, 6-1 Petrullo.

8.45 ALVESTON MAIDEN SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £743: 6f) (7)

1		CULTURAL ATTACHE C Nelson 9-0	J Reid 3
2	000	LLANGWARREN 49 R Hoad 9-0	W Carson 7
5	44	LANGHAM LADY 8 (BF) D Haydn Jones 8-9	G Baxter 2
7	0004	MISS HISSY 15 M McCormack 8-9	B Raymond 1
8	0	ROSES IN MAY 12 D Tucker 8-9	N Howe 6
10	00	SURPRISE GAME 33 C Hill 8-9	P D'Arcy 5
11	002	TRES SPORTIF 8 (B) P Cundell 8-9	S Whitworth 4

13-8 Tres Sportif, 3-1 Miss Hissy, 4-1 Langham Lady, 6-1 Cultural Attache, 10-1 Surprise Game, 14-1 others.

9.15 RIVER WYE STAKES (£2,533: 1m 2f) (8)

3	010	MARDOOD 12 (C,S) G Price 3-9-10	J Williams 8
6	32-0	CROSS KRISS 33 L Cottrell 4-9-1	N Adams 2
8	000-	TOUCH OF SPEED 89J M Francis 4-8-8	W Newnes 3
10	4200	MILLPOND BOY 10 (CD,S) R Hodges 4-8-6	P D'Arcy 6
12	30/0	MOHSSEN 41 L Barratt 7-7-13	N Carlisle 5
13	0010	SONOMA MISSION 13 (F) J King 3-7-13	W Carson 4
14	4000	PLEASURE DANCER 10 M Francis 3-7-12	C Rutter 1
16	0000	COQUETA 48 (G) M McCormack 3-7-7	J Carter (5) 7

15-8 Millpond Boy, 3-1 Mardood, 4-1 Sonoma Mission, 6-1 Pleasure Dancer, 8-1 Cross Kriss, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Simpson, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; C Benstead, 4 from 19, 21.1%; H Thomson Jones, 5 from 24, 20.8%; P Walwyn, 8 from 41, 19.5%; B Hills, 5 from 26, 19.2%; M Jarvis, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: J Carter, 4 winners from from 18 rides, 22.2%; B Rouse, 7 from 43, 16.3%; W Carson, 3 from 20, 15.0%; J Reid, 10 from 72, 13.9%; M Hills, 3 from 23, 13.0%; P Cook, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

HAMILTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

6.45 Beechwood Cottage. 7.15 Ryan's Girl. 7.45 Liffey Reef. 8.15 Artaius Star. 8.45 Drumley Dawn. 9.15 Miss Camellia.

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6.45 Easy Line. 7.15 Staub. 7.45 Steele's. 8.15 Firelight Fiesta. 9.15 Mr Taylor.

Michael Seely's selection: 7.45 Steele's.

Going: good Draw: 5f-6f, middle to high numbers best

6.45 UDDINGSTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (£1287: 6f) (12 runners)

1	1103	BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 5-9-13	G Athanasiou 7
2	0110	EASY LINE 9 (CD,F,G,S) P Haslam 5-9-13	A Whitehall 11
5	0224	DONOVAN ROSE 22 (B,C,F,G) J Berry 3-8-4	S Williams 12
7	-000	PRINCESS CINDERS 9 M Usher 4-7-13	S Maloney 5
8	-304	HAJJAR 12 (B) N Callaghan 3-7-11	— 9
9	0033	TANFEN 15 (B,CD,F,G,S) T Craig 7-7-11	R Price 6
10	12-0	SHARI LOUISE 9 (B,D,F,S) J Spearing 5-7-9	P Dalton 4
11	0300	BROTHERTON CASTLE 27 J S Wilson 3-7-8	T Sprake 10
12	040-	PARISIAN GIRL 182J E Alston 5-7-7	J Fortune 8
13	0000	RAINBOW TROUT 15 (B) S Norton 4-7-7	C Hodgson 3
15	00-0	STEVEJAN 15 (CD,F,S) B Morgan 6-7-7	— 1
16	0304	TRADESMAN 10 (C,F,S) J Haldane 8-7-7	J Birch 2

100-30 Beechwood Cottage, 7-2 Easy Line, 5-1 Shari Louise, 7-1 Tanfen, 8-1 Donovan Rose, 10-1 others.

7.15 BURNBANK CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1344: 6f) (8)

3		XAFU XAFU P Haslam 8-10	Dean McKeown 4
8	013U	DANCING DAZA 22 (S) J Berry 8-6	J Carroll 1
11	0	STAUB 37 N Callaghan 8-6	K Darley 3
22	00	SUPERMARINE 52 P Haslam 8-1	T Williams 8
26	040	ELASTIC 27 J S Wilson 7-13	A Mackay 7
27	1321	RYAN'S GIRL 3 (B,D,G) C Tinkler 7-13	P Burke (5) 6
29	00	BURNDITCH GIRL 13 Mrs G Reveley 7-11	J Lowe 2
30	000	NET CALL 17 J S Wilson 7-10	T Sprake (7) 5

9-4 Dancing Daza, 3-1 Ryan's Girl, 5-1 Elastic, 7-1 Supermarine, Staub, 10-1 Net Call, 14-1 others.

7.45 EBF MOTHERWELL GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £1573: 5f) (7)

2	010	CITY CODE 35 (CD,S) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll 2
3	3130	STEELE'S 28 (D,G) N Callaghan 9-7	K Fallon (5) 7
6	01	LIFFEY REEF 19 (F) C Nelson 9-2	A Clark 4
11		SECRET DREAMER P Haslam 8-11	T Williams 6
12	2222	SINGING STAR 9 (BF) J Balding 8-11	S Horsfall 3
16	0	FLIGHT HOSTESS 3 J S Wilson 8-6	T Sprake (7) 1
17	2	LES YEUX D'AMOUR 6 A Bailey 8-6	Dean McKeown 5

9-4 Les Yeux D'Amour, 5-2 Liffey Reef, 5-1 Singing Star, 7-1 Steele's, 10-1 City Code, 16-1 others.

8.15 WH ROBERTSON-AIEMAN MEMORIAL HANDICAP STAKES (£1,900: 1m 1f) (10)

5	3213	SCOTTISH FLING 22 (B,F) J S Wilson 4-9-10	T Sprake (7) 6
8	0300	SOSPIRANDO 14 J Etherington 3-9-8	K Darley 5
9	0303	QUEENS TOUR 6 (C,G,S) M Brittain 3-9-8	A Munro (5) 8
12	4303	KING WILLIAM 21 N Callaghan 3-9-5	— 10
14	0-40	LEVEN LASS 12 (C,S) Mrs G Reveley 4-9-2	J Lowe 4
15	-002	ARTAIUS STAR 12 J J O'Neill 4-8-13	M Birch 3
19	0032	FIRELIGHT FIESTA 28 P Haslam 3-8-12	T Williams 1
21	0-00	LINPAC NORTH MOOR 59 (S) C Elsey 4-8-7	Dean McKeown 2
22	-200	BLAZE OF GOLD 42 E Alston 4-8-7	— 7
23	0000	MADAM TAYLOR 26 (B,F) H Collingridge 3-8-6	M Rimmer 9

11-4 Scottish Fling, 7-2 Artaius Star, 11-2 Queen's Tour, 7-1 Firelight Fiesta, Leven Lass, 10-1 King William, 12-1 others.

8.45 RUTHERGLEN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,115: 1m 40yd) (9)

2	0333	LEADING GUEST 14 C Nelson 9-0	A Clark 8
3	0	LOCH NA BRIE 17 T Craig 9-0	M Birch 6
4	-000	MANS NO ANGEL 26 T Craig 9-0	L Charnock 3
5	-000	SARNIA SOUND 10 M Tompkins 9-0	A Mackay 4
6	-434	ST LOUIS BLUES 12 J Edwards 9-0	K Darley 1
8	0-00	AMAZING SILKS 26 A Robson 8-11	J Bleasdale 7
9	3	BROKEN SILENCE 62 J Glover 8-11	S Williams (7) 9
10	032	DRUMLEY DAWN 17 J S Wilson 8-11	Dean McKeown 2
11		EYE BEE AITCH D Moffatt 8-11	J H Brown 5

9-4 Leading Guest, 7-2 Drumley Dawn, 9-2 St Louis Blues, 6-1 Broken Silence, 8-1 Amazing Silks, 10-1 others.

9.15 BLANTYRE HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £1794: 1m 4f) (11)

1	1021	MISS CAMELLIA 8 (C,F,G,S) M H Easterby 9-10 (4ex)	M Birch 7
3	0100	MR TAYLOR 23 (D,F) H Collingridge 9-7	M Rimmer 2
4	4111	PRETTY THING 9 (D,F,G,S) R J Williams 9-7 (7ex)	D Biggs (7) 4
6	0-40	CHARLES DEVON LAD 72 H Wharton 9-5	Dean McKeown 3
8	3414	ALDRA BOND 13 (F) G Moore 9-1	A Mackay 6
11	0002	SATURN MOON 8 J S Wilson 8-11	T Sprake (7) 9
12	0014	STISTED PARK 28 (D,F) P Haslam 8-10	T Williams 11
14	0-00	NORMANBY DAMSEL 37 C Elsey 8-9	L Charnock 10
15	1000	GREEN BAIZE 9 (S) K Stone 8-9	L Johnbson (7) 5
16	-000	PRETTY PRODUCE 23 J Etherington 8-7	K Darley 8
18	0030	MOTTRAM'S GOLD 10 (S) M Brittain 7-13	A Munro (5) 1

3-1 Pretty Thing, 4-1 Miss Camellia, 5-1 Stisted Park, 6-1 Aldra Bond, Mr Taylor, 8-1 Charles Devon Lad, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: P Haslam, 15 winners from 77 runners, 20.8%; C Nelson, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mrs G Reveley, 11 from 56, 19.6%; A Bailey, 10 from 53, 18.9%; N Callaghan, 8 from 45, 17.8%; C Tinkler, 9 from 54, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: K Hodgson, 7 winners from 40 rides, 17.5%; Dean McKeown, 7 from 40, 17.5%; T Williams, 12 from 77, 15.6%; J Bleasdale, 7 from 49, 14.3%; K Darley, 23 from 178, 12.9%; J Lowe, 22 from 174, 12.6%.

Regency Fair gives Hills fine send-off

Barry Hills, who departed late yesterday afternoon for the start of the big sales circuit at Keeneland, Kentucky, received the right sort of send-off when Regency Fair romped home by an emphatic eight lengths in the Limpley Stoke Maiden Fillies Stakes at Bath.

It was the third time in five years that Hills has provided the winner of this race.

The trainer's son Michael was never out of the first three on the 11-2 chance. He sent her past Rocky Reef three furlongs out, but it was in the final furlong that Regency Fair really came into her own, stretching well clear of 14 rivals.

Regency Fair, a $135,000 yearling, was in the wars as a youngster, has lacerated legs to prove it and was turned out in a field for six months, but she was well-fancied yesterday and connections are confident that Robert Sangster's filly will be even better when she tackles 1½ miles.

Boy Sandford got home by a head from Santella Pal in an all-female finish to the Turfcall Apprentice Handicap to give a new racing club from Cheshire a fairytale start.

The loose ends of the South Cheshire Racehorse Ltd and its 46 members, mainly based on the Earl Of Crewe, a Crewe pub, were not tied up until Tuesday and Boy Sandford was their first runner.

Most of the members, who came down in a fleet of mini-buses, were visiting Bath for the first time and got the thrill of their lives when Donna Hayman sent the nine-year-old past Santella Pal entering the final furlong to score in a photo.

Boy Sandford is trained at Telford by Bill Preece who is much better known for his jumpers and was saddling only his second winner on the Flat. He said: "Boy Sandford's job is really jumping and he'll go over hurdles at Bangor on August 13 when his owners are having a club outing."

Yesterday's results

Bath

Going: soft

2.0 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, REGENCY FAIR (M Hills, 11-2); 2, Salonniere (B Raymond, 14-1); 3, Jib (W Carson, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Jeewan (6th), 13-2 Glendera (4th), 11 Best Of British, Sabetina (5th), 20 Salmon Stream, 25 Rocky Reef, Rokala, 33 Summerhill Spirit, The Foalicule, 50 Millmerran, Ringed Plover, Sweet Elegance. 15 ran. NR: Given Thought. 8l, ¾l, ¾l, 4l, 2l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £4.60; £1.40, £3.60, £1.70. DF: £35.50. CSF: £75.75.

2.30 (1m 8yds) 1, BOY SANDFORD (Donna Hayman, 7-1); 2, Santella Pal (Debbie Wheatley, 15-2) 3, Lady Leman (Alison Harper, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Xylophone (6th), 5-1 African Lass (4th), 10-1 Letcombe, Smart Mart (5th), 14-1 Canon's Court, 20-1 Every Effort, 25-1 Chief Runner, Fast Service. 11 ran. Hd, 2l, nk, 2½l, 2l. B Preece at Telford. Tote: £7.80; £2.30, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £9.50. CSF: £51.60. Tricast: £257.08. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

3.0 (2m 1f 27yd) 1, PANIENKA (P D'Arcy, 11-1); 2, Trojan Legend (T Ives 11-2); 3, Capa (R Price 16-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Gold Tint (6th), 5-1 Andrea Dawn (4th), 9-1 Sir Crusty (5th), 14-1 Isom Dart, 66-1 Lector. 8 ran. Sh hd, 7l, 7l, ¾l, 15l. J Mackie at Church Broughton. Tote: £21.30; £5.40, £1.60, £4.00. DF: £18.70. CSF: £63.06. Tricast: £873.53

3.30 (5f 167yd) 1, PANT LLIN (M Hills 4-1); 2, SPS Creative (T Williams 10-1); 3, Fair Domain (M Marshall 9-2). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Belhaven Bill (5th), 6-1 Amber Nectar, 10-1 Sleepline Royale (4th), 25-1 Kraymark (6th). 7 ran. 12l, 2½l, 1½l, 4l, 2½l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £4.00; £1.90, £4.00. DF: £20.80. CSF: £34.82.

4.0 (5f) 1, SOCIAL ASSET (W Carson 9-4 fav); 2, Swing Lucky (T Quinn 9-2); 3, P J Kelly (T Williams 7-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Aquarian Prince (4th), 7-1 Cotton On Quick (5th), 8-1 Fine A Leau (6th). 6 ran. Nk, 5l, 4l, 2½l, nk. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £2.70; £1.80, £2.70. DF: £4.30. CSF: £11.20.

4.30 (1m 8yd) 1, MIHMAZ (Pat Eddery 7-4 fav); 2, Saunders Lass (John Williams 16-1); 3, Fact Finder (Ron Hillis 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Nebula Way, 8-1 Bold Archer (5th), 9-1 My-Elane (4th), 33-1 Some Dream (6th). 7 ran. 4l, ¾l, ¾l, 5l, 7l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £3.90. DF: £19.10. CSF: £23.29.

Placepot: £634.50.

Yarmouth

Going: good

2.15 (6f) 1, RASHEEK (S Cauthen, 4-7 fav); 2, Eezepeeze (P Robinson, 6-1); 3, Key To The Music (G Duffield, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Got Away (4th), 11 August Seventeenth (5th), Miss Blitz, 50 Great Gusto (6th), The East Anglian. 8 ran. 2½l, 3l, 2l, 10l, ½l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60, £1.10, £1.40, £7.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £4.35.

2.45 (7f) 1, SELECT (N Carlisle, Evens fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Meedaf (S Whitworth, 14-1); 3, Tell Me Now (G Baxter, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Yulfrow Ann (6th), 10 Miscellany (5th), Still Laughing, 12 Diamond Tip, 20 Run For Love, 33 Beldine (4th), 50 Fair Moon, Good Easter, Mayglow. 12 ran. NR: Good Point, Maybemusic, Midnight Raver. 3l, 3l, 2½l, 1l, 4l. G Huffer at Newmarket. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £2.30, £10.10. DF: £12.30. CSF: £14.14. Bought in 8,500gns.

3.15 (1m) 1, LITTLE DOUGLAS (G Duffield, 5-1); 2, Le Grande Danseuse (M Rimmer, 9-2); 3, Royal Acclaim (G Bardwell, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Mel's Rose (6th), 13-2 Sporting Simon (4th), 12 Alrayhah (5th), 25 I'm Bananas. 7 ran. 3l, 1½l, ½l, 4l, 7l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £10.50; £4.90, £1.40. DF: £17.50. CSF: £24.78.

3.45 (7f) 1, HAVON AIRCO (V Smith, 25-1); 2, Flight Of Destiny (S Cauthen, 7-4 fav); 2, Special Fred (M Rimmer, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Schweppes Tonic, 10 Angelica Park, 12 Dr Breeze (4th), 16 Depot (6th), Miss Sarahsue, 33 Jutland Hero (5th). 9 ran 1½l, 10l, 2l, hd, 2½l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £26.30; £4.40, £1.30, £3.00. DF: £20.80. CSF: £63.18. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

4.15 (1m 6f) 1, MERCHANT'S DREAM (G Bardwell, 8-1); 2, Mayroni (J Quinn, 6-1); 2, Lily Mab (M Rimmer, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Fire Bay (7 10 0 M Wigham) 6th, 7-2 Foggy Dew (4 7 8 M L Thomas) 4th, 16-1 Trojan War (visor) (4 8 13 G Duffield), 25-1 Wisconsin (4 7 7 N Carlisle) 5th. 7 ran. 1½l, ½l, 5l, 6l, ¾l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £7.90; £2.90, £2.30. DF: £54.20; CSF: £48.08.

4.45 (1m 3f 100yd) 1, TAJROBA (Maryann Clark, 9-2); 2, Mumtaz Jamal (T Grantham, 4-6 fav); 3, Glint Of Pearl (Sharon Murgatroyd, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Zamzam (5th), 10 Taylors Pet (4th), 33 Verdon Canyon, 50 Botany Bay Inn (6th), 100 Footbridge (pu), Pipiola, Scarning Digit. 10 ran. 5l, nk, 2½l, 3l, 20l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £4.60; £1.70, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.35.

Placepot: £338.80.

Tuesday's late details

Leicester

Going: good to firm

7.35 (1m 4f) 1, Valiant End (M Roberts, 11-8 fav: Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Tinas Lad (5-1); 3, Expletive (6-1). 13 ran. 1½l, 2½l. A Stewart. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £8.00. CSF: £9.06. Tricast: £29.06.

8.5 (6f) 1, Syrus P Turntable (M Birch, 5-4 fav); 2, Shine Again (6-1); 3, Belle-Cote (12-1). 13 ran. Hd, 2l. C Tinkler. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £2.30, £3.70. DF: £8.00. CSF: £9.46.

8.35 (7f) 1, Batchworth Dancer (A Munro, 10-1); 2, Prolific (13-8 fav); 3, Passion King (7-2). 10 ran. ½l, nk. M Brittain. Tote: £13.50; £3.30, £1.20, £1.80. DF: £13.90. CSF: £26.65. Tricast: £64.90.

9.5 (7f) 1, Jerwah (S Cauthen, 5-2); 2, Eretna (9-4 fav); 3, Dispense (50-1). 13 ran. NR: Primavera Way, Spoilt Again. 4l, 2l. H Cecil. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £1.20, £11.00. DF: £1.40. CSF: £6.57. Toohami (15-2) and Smokey Track (50-1) withdrawn, not under orders – rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound.
Placepot: £75.80

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The Times preview of the 117th Open Championship which tees off today

Chances of a play-off are wide open

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

The healthiest paradox of the 117th Open Championship, which starts at Royal Lytham and St Annes today, is that the greatest golfing show on earth cannot possibly hope to produce an undisputed champion of the world.

It matters not if Tom Watson equals Harry Vardon's record of six Open triumphs . . . if Nick Faldo beats Sandy Lyle to a second Open title . . . if Severiano Ballesteros returns to centre-stage . . . or if Curtis Strange completes a momentous summer double.

What matters most is that this championship promises to move towards a spectacular crescendo with a whole cast of players eagerly jostling for the title over the intimidating closing stretch. Indeed, the likeliest conclusion is that the first Open play-off since Watson edged out the Australian, Jack Newton, in 1975 will be needed on Sunday evening to decide the issue.

The evidence to support that belief is substantial. Since Bob Tway decided the 1986 US PGA Championship by holing an audacious bunker shot at the 72nd hole, each of the six subsequent major championships has kept the spectators in suspense through to the last shot.

Last year Larry Mize (Masters) and Larry Nelson (US PGA Championship) grasped glory with play-off triumphs. In between, Scott Simpson (US Open) and Faldo (Open Championship) stood behind the 18th greens at Olympic and Muirfield with victory unsure until Watson and Paul Azinger decided fate by forfeiting their own hopes.

Even fresher to the mind is Lyle's astonishing bunker shot followed by the 10ft putt which won for him the Masters in April. Then came that engrossing play-off for the US Open between Strange and Faldo.

So the feeling, especially now that the Ryder Cup is a contest rather than a celebration for American jingoism, is that no one player will ever dominate again like Jack Nicklaus.

Strange said: "I would like to be recognized as No. 1 but we cannot talk like that in today's golfing world. There are more than a handful of players capable of achieving that status but right now they can all beat each other at given times. I believe the game is healthier now for not having one dominant player. Let's face it, the popularity of golf is continuing to grow so fast that the present situation has to be right."

Moreover, the finest golfers in the world, with the exception of the injured Greg Norman, are this week ready not only to do themselves justice but also to uphold the integrity of a game which thankfully remains divorced from board-room squabbles and bawdy behaviour.

The pre-championship banter, and in essence it is little more than that, concerning transatlantic friction can be dismissed. When the master craftsmen of their trade go to work this morning, their only enemies will be the environment and the elements.

It takes a special talent to appreciate an examination such as Lytham and extraordinary resilience when the wind combines with the rain to protect further a links already more than adequately guarded by rough and deep bunkers.

The likes of Faldo and Lyle, Ballesteros and Langer, must be the leading European contenders because they are so well versed in conquering such conditions. Watson, with those five Open victories, must remain the leading American challenger.

He said: "This is an unheralded British Open course. But I like it very much. It was here in 1979, when Seve won, that I changed my mind on Open venues. I didn't play well, I didn't like the bouncing, running shots but I began to understand the type of play it required to be successful."

Strange is the latest American to join the appreciation club and compatriots such as Ben Crenshaw, Payne Stewart and Azinger have demonstrated their liking for the links. Chip Beck, Mark Calcavecchia, Fred Couples and Lanny Wadkins also have claims.

David Frost, of South Africa, Rodger Davis, of Australia, and Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe, will represent their countries with pride, so offering a further challenge to the likes of Gordon Brand jnr, Ken Brown, Howard Clark, Mark James and Ian Woosnam, who hope to follow in the footsteps of Tony Jacklin (1969), Lyle (1985) and Faldo (1987).

All that serves to fuel the theory that this championship really is wide open and that there is no reason why a Barry Lane or a José-Maria Olazábal should not announce his arrival as a true contender.

Ballesteros charts the perils of the course he conquered

Severiano Ballesteros remembers well walking along the 18th fairway of the Royal Lytham and St Annes course on the final day of the Open Championship in 1979. "I told Dave Musgrove, my caddie, 'Well, I think we win the Open,' " the Spaniard recalled. "Dave looked at me and said: 'Yes, but you must take two putts from where you are because I bet that somebody would be under par for the week and you are the only one with that chance. So make sure you take only two putts – OK?' "

Ballesteros, of course, did as instructed, before the thrill of winning his first major championship triggered tears of happiness. "It was a very emotional moment," Ballesteros added. "All my brothers were there. Royal Lytham was great but I think St Andrews in 1984 was even better because, you know, it is the Open at the home of golf.

"Any time you walk down the last hole at the Open, whether you win or not, there are so many people clapping and cheering that the atmosphere makes you feel so good. But if you are the champion then it is a fantastic feeling. It is very hard for me to describe it."

Ballesteros, however, has described for *The Times* the 18 holes of the Royal Lytham and St Annes course where the 117th Open champion will be crowned.

He believes that the sand wedge could once again be the most important club in the bag. He said: "There are so many bunkers that sooner or later you will be in some of them. The key to Lytham will be the weather. The outward nine is usually easier and you must make your score there. You need to have a few shots in the bank. If it does blow hard then you will see some high scores."

1 206 yards (par 3): In my opinion, it is a straight forward opening hole. A lot of golfers are not happy having a par three at the start of a round, especially in the Open. The hardest part is judging the wind because the tee is set back in the trees. It is only a five or six-iron, unless the wind is against, and you can only make trouble for yourself by missing the green.

2 437 yards (par 4): The dangerous place to go is to the right because of the trees, the railway line and the out-of-bounds. But I do not like the thought of going left because there are two difficult bunkers. So it is very important to hit the fairway, perhaps a touch to the right side, to have the best shot into a green which is small and difficult. Probably an iron off the tee.

3 457 yards (par 4): Accuracy is the key again here. This time it is probably best to favour the left side of the fairway since there are more undulations to the right, with the railway line also still there. It is a hole where you can make a birdie, if you hit the drive long and straight.

4 393 yards (par 4): Because the hole doglegs to the left, with a couple of bunkers at the elbow, it is almost as if those hazards are set in the middle of the fairway. In my opinion, it is better to hit an iron off the tee, even if the hole is played into the wind, which normally is the case. The green is well guarded so you must set yourself up to approach it from the best angle, which is probably the right side of the fairway.

5 212 yards (par 3): This hole often plays longer than it looks. It is a very good short hole because it is extremely well protected by four bunkers on the left and two bunkers on the right. Big problems if you come up short.

6 490 yards (par 5): The green has been moved about 15 yards to the left since 1979. It will make for a more difficult approach shot and the drive will now need to be hit a little more to the right. The deep bunker to the left of the fairway must be avoided. It is a hole where you will hope to leave the green with a birdie.

7 549 yards (par 5): To the right we have the railway line again, but it is not a threat. The problems, as so often at Lytham, are caused by the bunkers. A cluster of them are to the right, so it is far better to miss the fairway on the left. But if you are too cautious, then there is also a bunker set that side to trap you. It is still a hole where you can make a birdie.

8 394 yards (par 4): If the wind is blowing, you can feel it at this point more than anywhere else on the course. There really is no need to take a wood as the important thing is to be accurate off the tee. The green is elevated and it is easy to misjudge the approach shot. You cannot afford to do so with three bunkers short of the putting surface and one either side of it.

9 164 yards (par 3): There are a lot of bunkers here! Ten in total – it is unbelievable. It is so easy to go into any one of them which is why it is a good hole. Very important, then, to hit a positive shot on the right line.

10 334 yards (par 4): I regard this as a very tough hole. In length it is short but it can be very severe going into the wind. I remember that I was twice in the front right bunker in 1979. The hole also doglegs slightly to the right so position is important off the tee with a precise shot needed to find the elevated green.

11 542 yards (par 5): I can tell you one thing: against the wind, you cannot reach this hole in two shots. Some may think it is worth gambling by cutting the corner and going over the two bunkers down the left. You will be looking, of course, for a birdie if the wind doesn't blow.

12 198 yards (par 3): This hole I like very much, although it is tough. It often plays a three or four-iron and with six bunkers surrounding the green, it is a small target. You will give yourself a very difficult shot if you miss on the right. I was down there three times in 1979 so I should know.

13 342 yards (par 4): Here you can almost reach the green. But there are big, big bunkers 25 yards short of it. In fact, the hole has 16 bunkers! I usually lay up with a two-iron and hit a little pitching wedge. On the last day in 1979 I hit my driver and the ball struck the top of the bunker 70 yards short of the green and fell back down. My sand wedge caught a little slope on the green and the ball rolled just off. It was still only 20 feet away – I made it for a birdie.

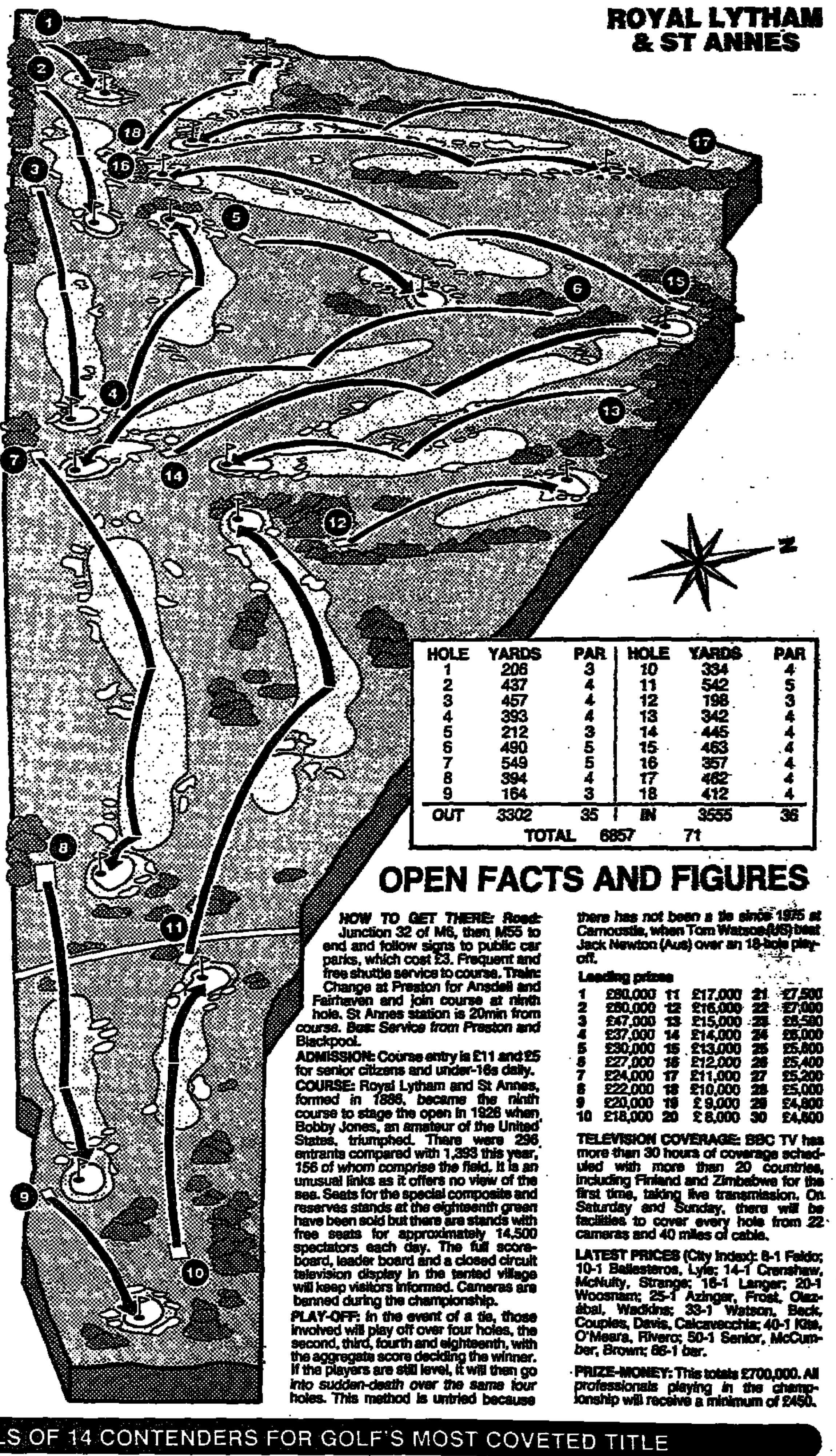
14 445 yards (par 4): Some see this as a fairly comfortable hole but I think it is a very difficult tee shot. You want to be down the left-centre of the fairway. But the wind tends to blow everything from left to right towards a lot of humps. That is not the place to be as you then go at a small green which is hard to hit.

15 463 yards (par 4): In my opinion, it is the hardest hole. Even if you hit the fairway, there are so many undulations that you don't know what kind of lie you are going to get. In the third round in 1979 I tried to hit a low two-iron, but the ball hit one of the humps. It didn't go too far and I had a difficult third to the green. The green seems to slope from front to back and left to right so throwing the ball off it.

16 357 yards (par 4): They call it my "car park" hole. I call it the hole with a thousand bunkers. It seems that way, although there are only 16. I hit my drive to the right on the last day in 1979. I knew the pin was to the left so I wanted to come in from the right. I will admit it went further to the right than I intended and into the car park. This year, with out of bounds in that direction, it will probably be best to lay up with a one-iron then hit a nine-iron. We will wait and see!

17 462 yards (par 4): Another very tough hole with a lot of bunkers to the left. You must be very careful not to go in them but at the same time you cannot go too far to the right. If you do then you face an even tougher shot over dead ground to the green. You must go with the driver off the tee but it will probably still be a three or four iron after that.

18 412 yards (par 4): This hole is very well protected right and left, and with a cross-wind it can look very narrow. The tee has also been taken 30 yards back so that the fairway bunkers will come more into play. The green, of course, is surrounded by bunker and the clubhouse is right behind it.



HOLE	YARDS	PAR	HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	206	3	10	334	4
2	437	4	11	542	5
3	457	4	12	198	3
4	393	4	13	342	4
5	212	3	14	445	4
6	490	5	15	463	4
7	549	5	16	357	4
8	394	4	17	462	4
9	164	3	18	412	4
OUT	3302	35	IN	3555	36
TOTAL	6857	71			

OPEN FACTS AND FIGURES

HOW TO GET THERE: *Road:* Junction 32 of M6, then M55 to end and follow signs to public car parks, which cost £3. Frequent and free shuttle service to course. Train: Change at Preston for Ansdell and Fairhaven and join course at ninth hole. St Annes station is 20min from course. *Bus: Service from Preston and* Blackpool.

ADMISSION: Course entry is £11 and £5 for senior citizens and under-16s daily.

COURSE: Royal Lytham and St Annes, formed in 1886, became the ninth course to stage the open in 1926 when Bobby Jones, an amateur of the United States, triumphed. There were 296 entrants compared with 1,393 this year, 156 of whom comprise the field. It is an unusual links as it offers no view of the sea. Seats for the special composite and reserves stands at the eighteenth green have been sold but there are stands with free seats for approximately 14,500 spectators each day. The full score-board, leader board and a closed circuit television display in the tented village will keep visitors informed. Cameras are banned during the championship.

PLAY-OFF: In the event of a tie, those involved will play off over four holes, the second, third, fourth and eighteenth, with the aggregate score deciding the winner. If the players are still level, it will then go *into sudden-death over the same four* holes. This method is untried because there has not been a tie since 1975 at Carnoustie, when Tom Watson (US) beat Jack Newton (Aus) over an 18-hole play-off.

Leading prizes

1	£80,000	11	£17,000	21	£7,500
2	£60,000	12	£16,000	22	£7,000
3	£47,000	13	£15,000	23	£6,500
4	£37,000	14	£14,000	24	£6,000
5	£30,000	15	£13,000	25	£5,800
6	£27,000	16	£12,000	26	£5,400
7	£24,000	17	£11,000	27	£5,200
8	£22,000	18	£10,000	28	£5,000
9	£20,000	19	£ 9,000	29	£4,800
10	£18,000	20	£ 8,000	30	£4,600

TELEVISION COVERAGE: BBC TV has more than 30 hours of coverage scheduled with more than 20 countries, including Finland and Zimbabwe for the first time, taking live transmission. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be facilities to cover every hole from 22 cameras and 40 miles of cable.

LATEST PRICES (City Index): 8-1 Faldo; 10-1 Ballesteros, Lyle; 14-1 Crenshaw, McNulty, Strange; 16-1 Langer; 20-1 Woosnam; 25-1 Azinger, Frost, Olazábal, Wadkins; 33-1 Watson, Beck, Couples, Davis, Calcavecchia; 40-1 Kite, O'Meara, Rivero; 50-1 Senior, McCumber, Brown; 66-1 bar.

PRIZE-MONEY: This totals £700,000. All professionals playing in the championship will receive a minimum of £450.

DRAW FOR FIRST TWO ROUNDS

(British and Irish unless stated)
07.15 today and 11.50 tomorrow R Mackay (Aus), D J Russell, *T Foster.
07.26 and 12.01 M Persson (Swe), L Mann, M Allen (US).
07.37 and 12.12 C Tucker, P Mitchell, P Carman.
07.48 and 12.23 S Torrance, R Floyd (US), J Nicklaus (US).
07.59 and 12.34 A Forsbrand (Swe), D Graham (Aus), D Love III (US).
08.10 and 12.45 J White, R Weir, G Bruckner (US).
08.21 and 12.56 J-M Cañizares (Sp), P Senior (Aus), M McCumber (US).
08.32 and 13.07 R Richardson (SA), G Furey, B Marchbank.
08.43 and 13.18 P Walton, S Pate (US), M Reid (US)
08.54 and 13.29 S Ballesteros (Sp), P Fowler (Aus), F Zoeller (US).
09.05 and 13.40 O Sellberg (Swe), D Frost (SA), H Green (US).
09.16 and 13.51 L Tinkler (Aus), E Romero (Arg), C Parry (Aus).
09.27 and 14.02 B Lane, H Meshiai (Japan), J Haas (US).
09.38 and 14.13 D Durnian, S Verplank (US), M Calcavecchia (US).
09.49 and 14.24 M Lanner (Swe), W Riley (Aus), C Pavin (US).
10.00 and 14.35 M Piñero (Sp) Chin-Sheng Hsieh (Taiwan), P Stewart (US).
10.11 and 14.46 E Darcy, N Ratcliffe (Aus), J Miller (US).
10.22 and 14.57 R Chapman, T Kite (US), R Tway (US).
10.33 and 15.08 M Mouland, G Player (SA), J Benepe (US).
10.44 and 15.19 G Brand jnr, M McNulty (Zim), B Crenshaw (US).
10.55 and 15.30 D Whelan, Chien-Soon Lu (Taiwan), T Eatson (US).
11.06 and 15.41 I Woosnam, L Nelson (US), C Beck (US).
11.17 and 15.52 A McCloskey, T Webber (Zim), *C Hardin (Swe).
11.28 and 16.03 P Baker, R Commans (US), N Burke.
11.39 and 16.14 *A Nash, W Smith (Aus), A Cotton.
11.50 and 16.25 G Stafford, J Cabo (Sp), J Morgan.
12.01 and 07.15 M Smith, *J Cook, C Mason.
12.12 and 07.26 A Chandler, J Higgins, P Kent.
12.23 and 07.37 P McWhinney, *P Broadhurst, S Bishop.
12.34 and 07.48 K Brown, B Charles (NZ), C Stadler (US).
12.45 and 07.59 J Rivero (Sp), T Johnstone (Zim), L Trevino (US).
12.56 and 08.10 *A Rogers, P Akakasiaka (Nigeria), T Armour (I).
13.07 and 08.21 C O'Connor jnr, N Price (SA), D Pooley (US).
13.18 and 08.32 D Armstrong (Aus), D A Russell, C Moody.
13.29 and 08.43 R Rafferty, A Bean (US), M O'Meara (US).
13.40 and 08.54 N Faldo, I Baker-Finch (Aus), F Couples (US).
13.51 and 09.05 N Hansen, J Howell (US), A Magee (US).
14.02 and 09.16 J-M Olazábal (Sp), H Baiocchi (SA), L Wadkins (US).
14.13 and 09.27 D Cooper, A Jacklin, E Sneed (US).
14.24 and 09.38 R Davis (Aus), L Mize (US), C Strange (US).
14.35 and 09.49 G J Brand, I Aoki (Japan), H Sutton (US).
14.46 and 10.00 B Faxon (US), D Gilford, *C Rymer (US).
14.57 and 10.11 H Clark, G Marsh (Aus), G Koch (US).
15.08 and 10.22 M James, M Harwood (Aus), A North (US).
15.19 and 10.33 S Lyle, D Ishii (US), P Azinger (US).
15.30 and 10.44 R Lee, J Bland (SA), B Langer (WG).
15.41 and 10.55 G Townhill, W Grady (Aus), A Sharborne.
15.52 and 11.06 *D Prosser, M Roe, G Taylor (Aus).
16.03 and 11.17 J Rystrom (Swe), D Thore (US), L Hederstrom (Swe).
16.14 and 11.28 R Thompson (US), S Tinning (Swe), A Binaghi (It).
16.25 and 11.39 D Jones, S Stephen, D Williams
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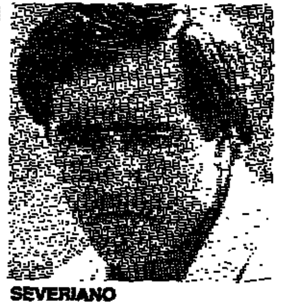
A CONCISE GUIDE TO THE CREDENTIALS OF 14 CONTENDERS FOR GOLF'S MOST COVETED TITLE

NICK FALDO (GB). Ht: 6ft 3in. Wt: 14st. Age: 31 on Monday. Majors: Open Championship (1987). Sony world ranking: 6. At present the most complete golfer in the world from tee to green. New swing gives him the versatility to move the ball either way in the wind, a blessing on links. Strong temperament when under severest pressure. Successful defence will depend on his putting touch. Open Championship form: 7, 19, 12, 11, 4, 10, 6, 54, 5, 1.

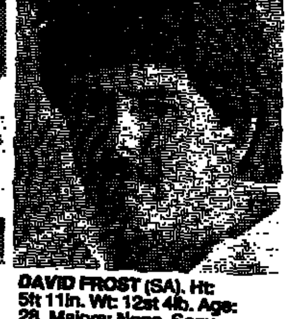
PAUL AZINGER (US). Ht: 6ft 2in. Wt: 12st 2lb. Age: 28. Majors: None. Sony world ranking: 10. Outstanding bunker player, so the sands of Lytham will not prove an obstacle. Desire to make up for last year's bogey-bogey finish might do so. Must remain composed. Deceptively long driver, although surprisingly not the straightest. Average putter. Meteoric rise demands major championship win to seal achievements. Open Championship form (from 1987): 2.



SEVERIANO BALLESTEROS (Spain). Ht: 6ft. Wt: 12st 9lb. Age 31. Majors: Open Championship (1979, 1984). Masters (1980, 1983). Sony world ranking: 4. Nine years on, he is a better player. Forget the four years without a major. He can still do things with the golf ball that others only dream about. Trouble is he has found out that the game is not that easy on the greens. If his putter is hot, the others will back off. Open Championship form: 17, 1, 19, 39, 13, 6, 1, 39, 6, 50.

BEN CRENSHAW (US). Ht: 5ft 9in. Wt: 12st 2lb. Age: 36. Majors: Masters (1984). Sony world ranking: 7. Craftsman on the greens. Insists he is not the putter he was, but try telling that to his rivals. Shortened swing has considerably improved his game. Still not the most accurate of drivers but a fine striker through the irons. It was six and out at the 71st last time around at Lytham. Open Championship form: 2, 2, 3, 8, 15, X, 22, 35, 21, 4.

FRED COUPLES (US). Ht: 5ft 11in. Wt: 13st 3lb. Age: 28. Majors: None. Sony world ranking: 30. Maturing as a golfer. Has learnt how to adapt and manage his game to meet specific demands. Initially his own worst enemy. Now works at the game and wants the rewards. Still needs to harness his, at times, prodigious power. Great knack at recovering from tough spots. Not the best on the greens. Open Championship form (from 1984): 4, X, 46, 40.



DAVID FROST (SA). Ht: 5ft 11in. Wt: 12st 4lb. Age: 28. Majors: None. Sony world ranking: 11. Too good a player to remain the perennial bridesmaid. But he has been runner-up seven times on the US tour without a win. Industrious golfer with methodical game containing few chinks. Lack of length off the tee could stifle his challenge if the wind blows on back nine. Rated highly by the Americans alongside whom he plays every week. Open Championship form (from 1984): 47, 25, X, 6.

BARRY LANE (GB). Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 12st. Age: 28. Majors: None. Sony world ranking: 93. Timely victory in Bell's Scottish Open. No shortage of determination. Powerful hitter with ability to drill a one-iron farther even than Lyle. This Open could still be part of his education. Even so, has the hallmark of a future champion. Form on the greens will decide his fate this time. Open Championship form: None.

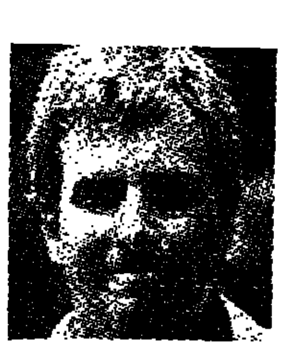
BERNHARD LANGER (Germany). Ht: 5ft 9in. Wt: 11st 1lb. Age: 30. Majors: Masters (1985). Sony world ranking: 5. Confesses that the putter could betray him this week. It already has done this year. Yet possesses astonishing ability to conquer adversity. Back injury has quelled his driving power. Will not ease up this week if victory looms. If you want a lesson in long irons then few better players to study. Open Championship form (from 1980): 51, 2, 13, 56, 2, 3, 3, 17.

SANDY LYLE (GB). Ht: 6ft 1in. Wt: 13st 5lb. Age: 30. Majors: Open Championship (1985). Masters (1988). Sony world ranking: 2. The coolest customer on the fairway. Sometimes you almost will him to get mad to see if he can get into overdrive. Wins championships at a cruising pace. Most valuable club – one-iron. Most contrary club – putter. Inspired by thought of becoming world No. 1 this week. Open Championship form: X, 19, 12, 14, 8, X, 14, 1, 30, 17.

MARK McNULTY (Zimbabwe). Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 11st 4lb. Age: 34. Majors: None. Sony world ranking: 12. Aiming to become the first Zimbabwean to win the Open. He has the game to do it. Not the longest off the tee but among the most accurate. Has the Hogan look, with his white cap and the Hogan desire for perfection. Sharp enough from the sand but not always the best of putters. Open Championship form (from 1980): 23, 23, X, 45, X, X, 59, 11.

JOSÉ-MARÍA OLAZÁBAL (Spain). Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 11st. Age: 22. Majors: None. Sony world ranking: 41. The rising star of European golf. Has all the right credentials and Seve proved at Lytham last time that age should be no barrier. Has regained confidence with the driver. No question marks concerning his short game. His practice-makes-perfect policy ensures that. Open Championship form (from 1985): 25 (as an amateur), 16, 11.

X denotes did not enter or missed cut.



CURTIS STRANGE (US). Ht: 5ft 11in. Wt: 12st 2lb. Age: 33. Majors: US Open (1988). Sony world ranking: 3. Here to enjoy himself after ambivalent affair with the Open. Seeks rare summer double. US Open victory solidified the feeling that he is America's new No. 1. Looks more intense on the course than he is. Confirmed precision player. His last hole sand save at Brookline suggests he need not fear Lytham's bunkers. Open Championship form (from 1982): 15, 29, X, X, 14, X.

TOM WATSON (US). Ht: 5ft 9in. Wt: 11st 6lb. Age: 38. Majors: Open Championship (1975, 1977, 1980, 1982, 1983), US Open (1982), Masters (1977, 1981). Sony world ranking: 22. Craves equalling Harry Vardon's record of six Open wins. Insists that this time he has the putter to make it. Has toiled for three years on the greens. Remains an expert from tee to green. Game should not be bunkered by the sand. Happier with slight swing change. Open Championship form: 14, 28, 1, 23, 1, 1, 2, 47, 35, 7.

IAN WOOSNAM (GB). Ht: 5ft 4½in. Wt: 10st 7lb. Age: 30. Majors: None. Sony world ranking: 9. Less pressure on his shoulders this week. Claims the experts wrong to label him a one-season wonder (Benson and Hedges Golfer of the Year, 1987). Strange outlook for PGA champion whose qualities are indisputable. Loves windy conditions, as he proved when Wales won the World Cup in Hawaii. Handicapped only by wrist injury. Open Championship form (from 1985): 16, X, 8.

FOOTBALL

Harvey in move to change transfer fee fixing system

By Ian Ross

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, yesterday called for a change in the system employed by Football Association tribunals when fixing transfer fees.

Harvey's appeal came after he was informed by a tribunal sitting in Manchester that he will be required to pay £925,000 for Pat Nevin, the Scottish international forward, whom he signed from Chelsea a fortnight ago.

The fee represents the largest ever fixed by a tribunal, surpassing the £900,000 Manchester United were ordered to pay Arsenal for Frank Stapleton six years ago.

After Nevin had agreed to join Everton last month, Harvey lodged a bid of £400,000 in response to Chelsea's outlandish claim that the true value of a player who had moved to Stamford Bridge from Clyde for just £90,000 in 1983 was £1.7 million.

Everton's disgust at Chelsea's valuation was underlined just 24 hours before yesterday's tribunal sat when they reduced their offer by £100,000. After hearing that he must pay in excess of three times what he believes Nevin to be worth Harvey urged England's Premier League clubs to get together and formulate a fairer and more realistic pricing system.

"The decision has been made and we must accept it but I would favour some sort of change in the tribunal system. It is getting to a situation where the buying and selling clubs are putting unrealistic prices on the heads of players.

"I have no simple solution but I think that the clubs should get together and work out a new way of doing things. Having said that I am still certain that Pat Nevin will justify the price tag which has been put on him" he added.

In starker contrast to Harvey's dismay was the joy of Bobby Campbell, the Chelsea manager, who said that he felt justice had been done. "I still think that our asking price was justified especially when you think of the fees players like Paul Gascoigne, Paul Stewart and Stuart McCall have gone for this summer" he said.

"Pat is a current Scottish international and is one of the most skilful players in the game. He is one of a dying breed; an entertainer whom the fans will willingly pay to watch. We are sorry to see him go" he added.

Though Everton will undoubtedly regard yesterday's controversial ruling as a major financial setback it is unlikely to deter Harvey from making renewed efforts to sign, later this week, Tony Cottee, the West Ham United forward, who is valued at £2m. Harvey has already lodged a bid of £1.75m

Ball's change of job description

By Louise Taylor

Alan Ball has been stripped of his managerial title by Jim Gregory, the Portsmouth chairman. However, Ball, who is now to be addressed as the "first team coach", denies that he has been demoted. "Only the name of the job has changed," he said yesterday.

"I am still in complete control of everything relating to the players and team matters. I decide who plays, who we buy or sell and I run the team. I'm not in the least bit bothered by it."

Ball's assertion is supported by the fact that he has been awarded a two-year contract but, with the appointment of John Gregory, the experienced Derby County player, as reserve team manager virtually guaranteed to be rubber-stamped next week, his autonomy could yet be undermined. Gregory's impending arrival has resulted in the relegation of Ball's assistant, Graham Paddon, to youth coach.

However, Jim Gregory, who bought out John Deacon, the former chairman, earlier this summer, explained that the new titles were similar to the Continental-style "managerless" system he created while in charge at Queen's Park Rangers, where Terry Venables was referred to as the "coach".

Ball, aged 43, became manager at Fratton Park in May 1984 and was subsequently involved in two failed promotion attempts before elevating Portsmouth to the first division in 1986-87 only to face the ignominy of immediate relegation last season.

His hitherto undistinguished managerial career, which began with a traumatic interlude at Blackpool, is in marked contrast to the sustained success he enjoyed as a player. His midfield dynamism earned him 72 England caps. His international career took off in 1966 when he was a key member of the World Cup winning side.

Norwich still hoping to sign Newell

Norwich City have not given up in their attempts to sign Leicester City's talented young forward, Mike Newell, despite having a £600,000 bid turned down. The East Anglia club are now considering whether to put in an improved offer.

An FA tribunal in Manchester set a £16,000 fee for the Grimsby midfield player, John O'Riordan's, move to Notts County and £35,000 on Ian Bishop, the Carlisle midfield player's, move to Bournemouth.

Sheffield United have signed the Doncaster forward, Brian Deane, for £30,000, paid Norwich £35,000 for goalkeeper, Graham Benstead, and sold midfield player, Peter Hetherston to Falkirk for £25,000.

CYCLING

Fignon likely to drop out of race

From John Wilcockson
Morzine

On paper, little was achieved on the first Alpine stage of the Tour de France yesterday. The winner, the Fabio Parra, aged 28, of Colombia, arrived here 20 seconds ahead of a 27-strong chasing group in which Steve Bauer, of Canada, took 22nd place to retain the yellow jersey.

Beyond these basic facts, however, lies a compendium of broken dreams and restored hopes. For instance, Sean Kelly and Robert Millar finished two minutes after the Bauer group, along with the main French hope, Jean-François Bernard, while another home favourite, Laurent Fignon, lost nearly 19 minutes and is likely to abandon the race today.

Once again, the speed of the race was well above that expected and there were already many tired legs when the leaders arrived at the foot of the first mountain climb, the Pas de Morgins, 37 miles from the finish of this longest stage of the Tour. Nine minutes ahead of the pack as they began the climb was Lado Peeters, of Belgium, who had broken clear with Juan Martinez-Oliver, of Spain, when the race entered Swiss territory 68 miles earlier.

Almost 10 miles long and climbing 3,300 feet out of the Rhine Valley to the Swiss-French border, the Pas de Morgins is the mountain pass on which Bernard Hinault broke clear with Luis Herrera, of Colombia, three years ago to establish his winning margin.

Yesterday, a repeat of that move was attempted twice by the Swiss hope, Urs Zimmermann. But neither move succeeded, and it was left to Parra to make the winning attack shortly after the summit.

Parra's team-mate, Martinez-Oliver, had been caught on the climb, but he made another tactical break just before his team leader's. The two riders joined forces on the descent to close the three-minute lead still held by Peeters.

While this was taking place, Bauer was twice dropped and twice came back to the group, helped by his team colleagues Gerhard Zadrobilek, of Austria, and Michael Wilson, of Australia.

Behind them, Kelly, Millar and Bernard were all struggling to keep in touch. Millar and Kelly both said: "I didn't have the legs today."

Kelly's problems were compounded by a crash at Pontarlier, 34 miles into the 144-mile stage. The Irishman said: "I was following my team-mate, Da Silva, when a Colombian fell in front of him. I nearly got round them, but my back wheel caught on Da Silva's bike."

Stage winner: Parra, of Colombia, crosses the finish line

The crash happened immediately after the pack had chased down a series of dangerous attacks that peppered the opening, hilly miles through the Jura Mountains. The pace slowed shortly afterwards, enabling Kelly to regain his place in the main group, and giving Martinez-Oliver his chance to initiate his long-distance break with Peeters.

On the final climb of the day, the three-mile-long Col du Corbier, Parra sprinted away on his own. He held off the chasing efforts of Herrera, who is a great rival in Colombia, and crossed the summit 18sec ahead and maintained this advantage to the finish.

Bauer was again having problems staying in touch, but his team was equal to the situation and paced the Canadian back to the lead group on the tricky descent.

Today, the 188 survivors face the toughest stage of the race so far. We can expect good performances from the men who were waiting in the wings yesterday, Pedro Delgado, of Spain, Raúl Alcalá, of Mexico, and Andy Hampsten, of the United States.

RESULTS: Eleventh stage (Besançon to Morzine, 144 miles): 1, F Parra (Col, Kelme), 6hr 4min 54sec; 2, T Claveyrolat (Fr, RMO), 20sec behind; 3, S Rooks (Neth, PDM), same time; 4, J Simon (Fr, Z-Peugeot), same time; 5, G Zadrobilek (Austria, Weinmann La Suisse), 23; 6, R Alcala (Mex, 7-eleven), same time; 7, P Winnen (Neth, Panasonic), same time; 8, A Pino (Sp, BH), same time; 9, C Criquielion (Fr, Hitachi), same time; 10, C Mottet (Fr, Systeme U), same time. Overall: 1, S Bauer (Can), 40:05:20; 2, J Simon (Fr), at 11sec; 3, E Breukink (Neth), 43; 4, C Mottet (Fr), 1:01; 5, R Visentini (It), 1:03; 6, P Delgado (Sp), 1:52; 7, C Criquielion (Bel), 2:03; 8, J Kuum (Nor), 2:43; 9, R Alcalá (Mex), 2:59; 10, P Winnen (Neth), 3:04; 11, F Parra (Col), 3:06; 12, R Pensec (Fr), 3:09; 13, J-F Bernard (Fr), 3:12; 14, E Boyer (Fr), 3:15; 15, M Madiot (Fr), 3:23. British and Irish: 21, S Kelly (Ireland), at 3:54; 37, R Millar (GB), 6:00; 98, S Yates (GB), 24:19; 104, M Earley (Ireland), 26:36; 138, M Elliott (GB), 38:49. TODAY: Stage 12: Morzine to L'Alp d'Huez, 141 miles.

Sport in the Commons

Rough ride for the nimble dribbler

The House gathered on Tuesday night for the Social Credibility Cup, a competition that will determine whether Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, is an old-fashioned inside-forward, beloved on the terraces for crowd entertainment, or a ruthless tackler bent on promotion at all costs, playing in a cost-efficiency formation.

Attendance was poor: sport has never been a crowd puller at Westminster, never mind that it is a billion-pound industry generating more jobs and revenue than, say, the gas or DIY trades. Notable figures from each side of the House only appeared, after wine and preferred conversation elsewhere, in time for the vote, with as much unconcern as if they had missed a darts social.

Behaviour, it must be said, had not been good. The Opposition fans, with Bernie Grant a visible ringleader backed by the under-privileged Celtic fringe, leapt up and down demanding to know what the Minister was doing about racist chanting, or about South Africa, who didn't appear on the team sheet; and when they got no response proceeded to howl and heckle as vigorously as any quorum of Alf Garnetts at Upton Park.

No one person could hear what any other person was saying and the Deputy Speaker repeatedly had to call for order. It was unnerving to consider that such standards of debate govern our lives, though I suppose this was just further evidence that hooliganism has spread to every corner of society.

Behind the Government goal, those who bothered to turn up seemed mostly asleep, content to let the Minister infuriate the Opposition with his nimble dribbling. The Minister does show a tendency to hang on to the ball too long, and he gives the occasional hospital-pass. The Opposition intercepted the ball in a flash when he talked of swimming pool management needing to show a profit, when everyone knows that a swimming pool is the Glenn Hoddle of any local authority team: decorative and expensive but will never show a gain.

Yet the Minister, lacking inches, had to dodge some blatant professional fouls — "Been to a football match but never saw it" and so on — typical of the four-letter chanting to which we have become accustomed.

No doubt the Minister would like to earn a reputation as the Prince of Dribblers, but he was not helped by the absence from the bench of his heavyweight centre back, the Home Secretary, and his team captain, the Environment Secretary, who only appeared for a chat in the dressing-room when it was all over. The Minister showed all the signs of being coached by his chairwoman, with a preoccupation on transfer values.

John Carlisle showed some neat footwork on the Government wing, but as everyone knows he has been tapped by the Pretoria scouts; nobody takes him seriously, which is a pity because his tactics on behalf of the ratepayers are sound. When Carlisle, with justification, referred to the yobbish shouting behind the Opposition goal, Michael Foot, the oldest season ticket-holder in the stand, stumped off in disgust. He had asked a serious question on the cost to League clubs of the Government's card membership scheme.

Denis Howell, a popular long-serving one-club man, had led the attack for the Opposition. He isn't as penetrating as he once was, and may soon move into the non-League game. Nowadays he stands around the centre circle, shirt unbuttoned at the navel, shorts sagging slightly, acknowledging friends with a wave or a smile, and attempting to whack the ball in, like the veteran Ronnie Rooke of Arsenal once did, from 40 yards. The power is still there but the aim is less sure, and he was unconvincing on the inefficiency of the membership scheme which the chairwoman and her Minister are determined to introduce. Howell's comparison between membership cards and pornography clubs was tenuous to say the least.

David Evans, a utility player representing both the Government and Luton Town, as its chairman, stepped on to the field only to find he initially had two left feet. We heard all about Denis Compton and inadequate modern wickets. Evans' voice sounded from a long way off, though Luton is not far north of Watford.

Eventually he reached, as the commentators say, a critical scoring chance: the membership scheme works admirably at Luton, families are coming back, and the town is once again a safe environment on a Saturday afternoon. But his negative square-passing approach-play on cricket and tennis had left everyone drowsily wishing for the final whistle and a return to the supporters' club bar, so his point was lost.

David Blunkett, an extra-time substitute for the Opposition, leapt off the bench aiming shots at unprotected morality areas of the Minister's net. Yet he made Roy Hattersley's common mistake of attributing football thuggery to this Government's term of office when we all know that it really began during Harold Wilson's premiership, and, anyway, it is irrelevant to any current political hue.

By the end of the match, the teams had been unable to agree whether the increase in national sports participation from 17 million in 1978 to 23 million today was attributable to the Sports Council, local authorities, the Government, or simply the fact that people, employed or unemployed, have increasing amounts of time to devote to leisure. Howell made the sensible plea that there should be an All Party committee to seriously investigate the needs of sport.

The match ended with Brian Wilson abusing the Minister, and being labelled despicable in return. The Opposition were defeated by 277 corners to 205, nobody scored a memorable goal, and we left the House feeling that the Opposition needs some coaching in manners and the Government in sincerity.

David Miller

GOLF

Anderson does the Irish proud

By George Ace

Neil Anderson upheld the honour of Irish Amateur golf when he defeated Bjorn Norgard, of Denmark, by four and three in the final of the North of Ireland championship at Royal Portrush yesterday. He is the twelfth member of the Shandon Park Club in Belfast to win this prestigious title first competed for in 1947.

Anderson, a member of the Great Britain and Ireland team that defeated Europe recently in the St Andrew's Trophy match, got away to a dream start when he chipped in just off the green at the first for a birdie three. Norgard hooked his second shot left but played a super pitch to six feet all to no avail.

Another birdie at the second by the Belfast doctor was neutralised when the tenacious Danish international squared the match at the sixth only to lose the seventh.

Anderson won the tenth with a par five to go three up, Norgard again missing from five feet and a short eleventh was halved in par when Anderson holed from 20 feet after finding sand off the tee. Andersen won the 12th in par when Norgard was in the rough and the match ended on the 15th green.

In the morning semi-finals, Anderson gave a hint of things to come when he defeated Michael Curran four and three. He was four under par when the match ended on the 15th green. Norgard defeated George Clarke in the other semi-final by three and one.

SEMI-FINALS: B Norgard (Den) bt G Clarke (Royal Portrush) 3 and 1, N H Anderson (Shandon Park) bt M Curran (Ardglass) 4 and 3. Final: Anderson bt Norgard 4 and 3.

Lancashire and Surrey in control

By Patricia Davies

Lancashire, the defending champions, proved too professional for Staffordshire, and Surrey squeezed ahead of Glamorgan on the first day of the English women's county finals at Stockport yesterday.

The Lancastrians, fielding three plus handicappers, beat the self-confessed outsiders by six matches to three while Surrey, back in the finals after a two-year absence, defeated the Welsh by five and a half points to three and a half, largely because they had the better of the three singles that went to the last green in the afternoon.

Staffordshire should really have caused an upset by winning the foursomes against Lancashire but had to settle for a share of the points with Kirsty Speak and Tina Yarwood when Lisa Hackney and Anne Smith took three putts at the 18th. Thus reprieved, the champions won the top three singles and ran away with the bottom one without too much stress.

In the battle of the county champions, Lora Fairclough, one of the stars of England's winning junior European team last week, was just too good for Debbie Boyd, the trainee solicitor who is at a disadvantage against the young breed of full-time player.

Jill Thornhill, Surrey's Curtis Cup player, suffered the indignity of losing the last two holes to Diane Christison and only halving with a player she had hammered six and five in their previous two encounters but Winnie Wooldridge and Sally Prosser had more success at the death. They saw off Pam Chugg and Andrea Perriam respectively on the 18th.

Wooldridge, the former Wightman Cup player, was three up after nine but needed an eagle three at the 12th to help keep Chugg, a former professional, at bay and had to get up and down in two from the rough at the back of the 18th to maintain her advantage.

LANCASHIRE v STAFFORDSHIRE: (Lancashire names first): Foursomes: L Fairclough and C Seddon lost to A Booth and D Boyd, 1 hole; K Speak and T Yarwood halved with L Hackney and A Smith; J Brown and J Collingham bt P Hill and S Scarrett, 5 and 4. Singles: Fairclough bt Boyd, 4 and 2; Yarwood bt Booth, 2 and 1; Collingham bt Hackney, 2 and 1; Speak lost to Smith, 2 and 1; J Hogg halved with Scarrett; Brown bt B Jackson, 7 and 5. Result: Lancs 6, Staffs 3.

GLAMORGAN v SURREY: (Glamorgan first): Foursomes: V Mackenzie and V Thomas bt S Prosser and J Thornhill, 4 and 3; D Christison and P Chugg lost to C Bailey and D Walpole, 3 and 2; K Bradley and A Perriam lost to S Little and W Wooldridge, 4 and 3. Singles: Thomas bt Bailey, 2 and 1; Christison halved with Thornhill; Chugg lost to Wooldridge, 1 hole; Perriam lost to Prosser, 1 hole; Bradley bt Little, 3 and 2; Mackenzie lost to Walpole, 3 and 2. Result: Glamorgan 3½, Surrey 5½.

SHOOTING

Quilliam's title by nine points

Corporal Paul Quilliam of the Royal Engineers, a specialist welder, has shown at Bisley that he is equally competent with a rifle by winning the Services' championship (a Special Correspondent writes).

Quilliam scored 564 out of a possible 645 over the four days of competition against representatives of the British, Canadian and Sultan of Oman's forces. The runner-up, nine points behind, was Captain Keith Cunningham. Sergeant "Bonzo" Head, formerly with the Parachute Regiment.

RESULTS: Service Rifle: United Services Cup: 1, Canadian Forces, 1,219; 2, Royal Marines, 1,158; 3, Regular Army, 1,157; 4, Territorial Army, 1,127; 5, RAF, 1,123. Shooting alongside: Sultan of Oman's forces, 1,196. Service Rifle Championship: 1, Cpl P F Quilliam (RE), 564; 2, Capt K A Cunningham (Canadian Forces), 555; 3, Capt A G McLean (8UDR), 550; 4, Cpl D O'Connor (RM), 549; 5, Cpl M Frape (1RGJ), 549; 6, 2nd Lt R Morwood (2UDR), 549. Queen Mary Trophy: 1, L/Cpl D G Sutton (1QLR), 169; 2, Sgt D P Jennings (5RI), 166/47; 3, Sgt J Head (37Signals), 160/45. Canada Shield: 1, Royal Marines, 638; 2, Canadian Army A, 605; 3, Canadian Army B, 601. Cambridgeshire Shield (volunteers): 1, Sgt J K B Head (37Signals), 536; 2, Sgt D P Jennings (5RI), 530; 3, Capt C Bateman (6RA), 519.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Waddell leads the way to recovery

Wellington (Agencies) — Great Britain, maintaining the momentum gained by their victory over Australia last Saturday, staged a late recovery to beat Wellington, 24-18, yesterday.

Hugh Waddell, the prop forward, held together the touring side, who trailed 14-12 at half-time. It was a match that Great Britain could ill afford to lose, just four days before the important international match against New Zealand which will decide who meets Australia in the World Cup final.

The British captain for the night, Michael Ford, said that a heavy tackle on him in the second half started the revival. "Once they saw their captain get hurt they started playing properly," he said.

Wellington scored first when Ewe chipped over a penalty but Stephenson soon equalized after Wellington were caught offside.

Wellington restored their advantage when the loose forward, Kuiti, followed his own break to score.

Nine minutes later, Britain responded: the scrum half, Joyner sent Eyres through for a try. Loughlin, who came on when Joyner was injured, kicked penalties in the 21st and 26th minutes.

A lapse by Fairbank resulted in Wellington's second try from Leuluai, and Ewe converted. Leulai raced in to consolidate Wellington's position.

But Britain launched their recovery in the second half when Fairbank capped an excellent sweeping movement by touching down in the corner.

Currier chased through a shallow punt to collect and dive as Wellington lost concentration, and superb support play saw Fairbank Britain's third try.

SCORERS: Great Britain: Tries: Fairbank (2), Eyres, Currier. Penalties: P Loughlin (2), D Stephenson. Conversion: Currier. Wellington: Tries: Leuluai (2), Kuiti. Conversions: Ewe (2). Penalty: Ewe.
WELLINGTON: M Edwards; W Tangira, D Ewe, J Patkea, V Aramoana; J Leuluai, J Tangira (sub: L Bristowe); R Piva, B Harvey, K Makoare, P Henry, E Williams (sub: D Rolleston), M Kuiti.
GREAT BRITAIN: I Wilkinson (Halifax); C Gibson (Leeds), D Stephenson (Leeds) (sub: R Powell (Leeds)), D Wright (Widnes), A Currier (Widnes); J Joyner (Castleford), (sub: P Loughlin (St Helens)), M Ford (Bradford Northern); B Case (Wigan), P Groves (St Helens), H Waddell (Oldham), K Fairbank (Bradford Northern), R Haggerty (St Helens), R Eyres (Widnes).

YACHTING

Blade defies elements to chalk up a success

The weather, a true Cornish mixture of wind and rain, dominated the third race of the European six-metre championships at Falmouth. The start was postponed for 15 minutes since, at the appointed hour, the committee were unable to see the far end of the line through the squall.

The first place went to Blade, a British boat, new last season and owned and sailed by Larry Marks. She had a reasonable start to lie third at the weather mark, and sailed imaginatively downwind to take the lead by the leeward mark.

The Swedish boat, Notorious, took second place, and Scoundrel, of Britain, third. Consistency paid off for St Kitts, owned and helmed by Phillip Walwyn. She filled fourth position, following a fifth on Tuesday and second on Monday. Those results were enough to give her a clear lead in the points table from Battlecry, in second place.

But there was no escaping the poor weather. Kirlo, Erik Maxwell's boat, which won the first race of the series, lost her mast yesterday. Last night it was still uncertain whether repairs or a replacement would be available in time for Kirlo to continue.

There were also three booms lost and a spinnaker pole damaged in the 24-knots of breeze.

RESULTS: Third race: 1, Blade (Larry Marks, GB); 2, Notorious (Jorgen Bonde, Swe); 3, Scoundrel (Bruce Owen, GB). Standings: 1, St Kitts (GB), 11pts; 2, Battlecry (GB), 18; 3, Gitana Junior, 29.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

DUBLIN MILLENNIUM MEETING: Men: 200m: 1, A Mafe (London Irish), 20.94sec; 2, P Snoddy (Ire), 21.40; 3, S Baird (NI), 21.57. 400m: 1, B Whittle (Sco), 46.24; 2, G Delaney (Ire), 46.98; 3, M Thomas (Liverpool H), 47.28. 1,500m: 1, J Walker (NZ), 3:41.32; 2, C McGeorge (Blackheath), 3:42.30; 3, V Kalasion (USSR), 3:42.36. 3,000m: 1, M O'Sullivan (Ire), 7:52.89; 2, E Coghlan (Ire), 7:53.57; 3, G O'Reilly (Ire), 7:54.67. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, B Quinn (Ire), 8:42.38; 2, D Baptiste (Thames Valley H), 8:42.88; 3, L O'Brien (Ire), 8:50.50. 110m hurdles: 1, H Teape (Enfield), 13.91; 2, W Sodenner (Swe), 13.98; 3, T Kearns (Ire), 14.05. 400m hurdles: 1, J Barry (Ire), 52.54; 2, T Futterknecht (Aut), 52.68; 3, M Briggs (Stoke), 52.70. Hammer: 1, Y Sedykh (USSR), 81.30m; 2, D Smith (Hull), 71.20m; 3, S Egan (Ire), 65.80m. Women: 400m: 1, E McLaughlin (NI), 53.75; 2, S Gules (Birchfield), 54.07; 3, P Walsh (Ire), 54.44. 800m: 1, A Molloy (Ire), 2min 05.02sec; 2, H Thorpe (Ashford), 2:05.10; 3, J Bell (Wombwell), 2:05.44. 3,000m: 1, J Hunter (Blaydon H) 9:00.88; 2, J Shields (Sheffield) 9min 00.74; 3, S McGeorge (Blackheath H) 9:05.88. 400m hurdles: 1, H Halldorsson (Ice), 57.71; 2, J Pearson (Ashford), 58.90; 3, B Johnson (Ire), 58.81.

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI: All-Star game: American League 2, National League 1.

TENNIS

BASTAD, Sweden: Men's open tournament (Swedish unless stated): Second round: A Tous (Sp) bt T Svantesson, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; J Gunnarsson bt J Fleurian (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; F Luna Cane (It) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-1, 6-4; R Bathman (Sp) bt M Ingaramo (Arg), 6-3, 6-3; [illegible] bt B Shaw (GB), 7-5, 7-6; N Kroon bt P Svensson, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; J Nystrom bt U Stenlund, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Third round: K Novacek (Cz) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-1, 6-4.
STUTTGART: Nabisco Grand Prix men's tournament (WG unless stated): Second round: M Jaite (Arg) bt M Westphal 6-4, 6-3; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt D Keretic 5-7, 6-3, 7-5; J Hlasek (Switz) bt C Saceanu 6-3, 6-2; D Cahill (Aus) bt G Vilas (Arg) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; A Gomez (Ecu) bt E Winogradsky (Fr) 6-3, 6-2; M Srejber (Cz) bt J Potier (Fr) 6-3, 5-7, 7-5; M Mecir (Cz) bt T Tulasne (Fr) 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; A Mancini (Arg) bt Marian Vajda (Czech) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; T Smid (Cz) bt P Vojtisek 7-6, 1-6, 6-4; H Leconte (Fr) bt S Cortes (Chile), 6-0, 7-6.
NICE: Women's tournament: First round: S Frankl (WG) bt S Simmonds (It) 6-0, 6-2; P Huber (Austria) bt C Tanvier (Fr) 6-0, 6-1; A Villagran (Arg) bt H Ter Riet (Neth) 7-5, 6-2; B Fulco (Arg) bt M Strebel (Switz) 6-0, 6-1; I Kuczynska (Pol) bt E Derly (Fr) 6-3, 7-6; B Paulus (Austria) bt C Martinez (Spain) 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; S Jacquet (Switz) bt F Bonsignori (It) 4-6, 6-0, 6-3; S Cecchini (It) bt A Dechaume (Fr) 6-0, 6-0.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bridgnorth: Shropshire 240-5 dec (J Foster 90, J S Johnson 74; T J A Scriven 4-62). Buckinghamshire 147-0 (A R Harwood 86 no, T Butler 54 no). Exmouth: Devon 153 (B J Lloyd 4-43), Wales 137-5 (D I Yeabsley 4-69).
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Moseley: Gloucestershire 104 (J E Benjamin 4 for 25); Warwickshire 105 for 6 (M W Pooley 4 for 23). Warwickshire won by 4 wkts. Worcester: Somerset 185; Worcestershire 188 for 1 (P Bent 105 not out). Worcestershire won by 9 wkts. The Oval: Middlesex 174 for 8 (M R Ramprakash 71); Surrey 175 for 3 (D J Bicknell 75). Surrey won by 7 wkts. Wanstead: Essex 174 (J P Stephenson 60; A N Babington 4 for 33); Sussex 175 for 8 (M P Speight 59; A K Golding 4 for 41). Sussex won by 2 wkts. Northampton: Northants 249 for 5 (A Fordham 144 not out, M R Gouldstone 70); Yorkshire 253 for 6 (N G Nicholson 61 not out). Yorkshire won by 4 wkts. Worksop College: Nottinghamshire 205 (P Johnson 71); Lancashire 208-4 (N J Speak 78). Lancashire won by six wickets.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Gents of Bedfordshire 206-5dec, *Bedford Modern 207-9 (P Simmonds 111); King's Macclesfield 118, Edinburgh Academy 119-3; MCC 282-3dec, *Kingston GS 93; *Reigate GS 189, Whitgift 112-8; XL Club 109, *Eltham Coll 110-5; *Glyn 175-8, Wilson's 176-4; *RGS Worcester 181-5, RGS Colchester 82-8; *Reigate 218-8, Victoria College, Jersey 138-7. (* denotes home side.) Surrey Schools under-19 final (at Cheam): Emanuel School 191-5, Wilson's 192-5.
County Schools Match: Sussex Under-19 234-3dec, Surrey Under-19 157-6.
OTHER MATCHES: British Police 127, *Royal Navy 131-7; *Royal Navy 149, MCC 152-1.
* denotes home side.

FOOTBALL

AMMAN: Gold Cup: Egypt 1, Tunisia 0. MELBOURNE: Brazil 4, Saudi Arabia 1. LIMA: South American Cup: Group three: Universitario (Peru) 1, Guarani (Brazil) 1. MONTEVIDEO: South American Cup: Group three: Wanderers (Uru) 2, Millonarios (Col) 1.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Poole 52 (D Biles 13, S Schofield 12); Stoke 44 (S Bastable 11, L Carr 10, G Jones 10); Long Eaton v Arena Essex, ppd.
COVENTRY: World championships: Overseas final: Qualifiers: 1, S Cross (Cradley Heath) 13 pts, after a run off; 2, K Tatum (Coventry) 13; 3, S Wigg (Oxford) 13; 4, C Morton (Belle Vue) 12; 5, M Shirra (Reading), M Cox (Oxford) 10; 7, R Knight (King's Lynn) 8; 8, S Ermolenko (Wolverhampton), J Davis (King's Lynn) 7. Reserve to travel: A Smith (Belle Vue) 8.
CHARRINGTON CHALLENGE MATCH: King's Lynn v Cradley Heath, ppd.

CYCLING

MORZINE, France: Women's Tour de France: third stage (84km): 1, J Longo (Fr), 1hr 17sec; 2, M Canins (It), same time; 3, D Gould (Aus) at 5sec; 4, L Hepple (Aus), 1:14; 5, B Gyr (Switz), 1:14; 6, U Larsen (Nor), 1:16; 7, R Bonanomi (It), 1:16; 8, V Lartigue (Fr), 1:19; 9, P Renucci (Fr), 1:19; 10, V Simmonet, (Fr), 1:55. Overall standings (after three stages): 1, J Longo, 5hr 34min 03sec; 2, M Canins at 8secs; 3, Hepple, 2:35; 4, T Vikstedt-Nyman (Fin), 3:08; 5, I Chiappa (It), 3:13; 6, Gould, 4:47; 7, V Lartigue (Fr), 5:01; 8, Gyr, 5:04; 9, Larsen, 5:05; 10, Bonanomi, 5:09.
ODENSE: World junior championships: Sprint final: 1, J Fiedler (EG); 200m time: 11.409sec; 2, G Capitano (It); 3, O Lutchkin (USSR).

RUGBY LEAGUE

WHANGEREI, New Zealand: Northland 14, Papua New Guinea 58.

CROQUET

SOLOMON TROPHY: Great Britain v United States: N Aspinall bt K Jones + (26tp), +26; D Openshaw bt R Bell, +1, +16; W Prichard bt R Kroeger, +16, +13; C. Irwin bt J Osbourn, +24 (tp), +4; K. Aiton bt T Ardey, +26, +12; P. Cordingley bt P +23, +21. Result: Great Britain bt United States, 20-1.

YACHTING

IJMUIDEN, The Netherlands: Ribon Matthews Appleyard Hull to IJmuiden race: First leg (handicap): 1, Hotspur (Sadler 32; P J Herman, Royal Yorkshire); 2, Blue Chip (MGHS30; J R Hudson, Royal Yorkshire); 3, Morgan's Progress (Seamaster 925; P A Willis, Grimsby and Cleethorpes); 4, Sakr El Bahr (Rancher 41; B Mercer, Kingston-upon-Hull). Line honours: Sakr El Bahr, 32 hrs (record).

EVENING RACING RESULTS

Kempton Park

Going: good to soft

6.30 (5f) 1, Ultimate Dream (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Lovely Ears (11-2); 3, Hard To Figure (14-1). 6 ran. 1l, 1½l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.73.

7.0 (1m 4f) 1, Duradmo (W Newnes, 12-1); 2, Santella Bobkes (7-1); 3, Harvest Dance (5-1). True Panache 4-7 fav. 9 ran. 4l, 2½l. H Candy. Tote: £14.50; £2.20, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £36.10. CSF: £84.57.

Beverley

Going: soft

6.30 (1m 4f) 1, Reflect (C Rate, 6-5 fav); 2, Catawba (6-4); 3, Nodforms Dilemma (9-2). 7 ran. 2½l, 4l. L Cumani. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.17.

7.0 (1m 100yd) 1, Regal Brass (Catherine Roberts, 33-1); 2, Puno (7-1); 3, Sherry Hill (14-1). Sunfleet 4-5 fav. 10 ran. 5l, 1½l. P Blockley. Tote: £46.50; £7.40, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £224.80. CSF: £224.53. Tricast: £3,065.63.

Soviets live-in

Seoul (AP) — The Soviet Union's competitors will stay in the Athletes Village during the Olympics, South Korean Press reports said yesterday.

Earlier indications suggested competitors would live aboard Soviet ships for the period. The Soviet Union is expected to send 625 athletes, the second biggest delegation after the 639-member United States contingent.

Youth has its day

Tokyo (AP) — Eight nations will compete in the second international Football Games for boys of 12 or younger next month in a three-day tournament in Tokyo. The boys are from Australia, Brazil, Belgium, China, South Korea, the United States, Japan and Singapore.

Timmersdorfer Strand, West Germany (Reuter) — Eintracht Frankfurt have agreed the transfer of their Hungarian forward, Lajos Detari, to Piraeus of Greece, for an undisclosed fee.

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Rival teams in TV dispute face compromise

By Peter Ball

The Football League's chances of survival were still on a knife edge last night as discussions between the rebel group of clubs went on into the evening at Old Trafford, after the terms of the Football League injunction preventing their reaching agreement with ITV had been varied in order to permit Greg Dyke, commercial television's negotiator, to discuss a possible compromise.

Dyke arrived on the shuttle from London shortly after 6 p.m.and went in to meet the representatives of eight of the 10 clubs, the chairman of Sheffield Wednesday and West Ham having already departed. Their departure, the first interruption in a meeting which had begun at 11 a.m., brought the first hint of cautious optimism in a statement from Sheffield Wednesday's Bert McGee.

"I think we will reach a satisfactory agreement," McGee said as he sped away in his chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce. "which I hope will preserve the structure of the Football League as we know it."

The details of the agreement have still to be revealed, and both the clubs and all the competing TV companies will have to agree to their separate areas, which will undoubtedly require some considerable talking over the next few days.

The day's events, however, suggested that the balance has now tilted against the rebels, with the League president, Philip Carter, pulling on his mediator's hat in a belated attempt to reassert his position as spokesman for the 92 clubs in the League rather than just the rebels.

"My responsibility is to the 92 clubs," he insisted before going into the meeting. "I have been in a very difficult position, but everybody respects my opinions in football and I am still able to act as a mediator."

If that was one indication that the big clubs may be pulling back from the brink, another was the surprising decision that Gordon Taylor's presence was not required after all. That suggests that his work behind the scenes early in the week had taken full effect.

The terms of the release from the injunction insisted that Trevor Phillips, the Football League commercial director, stayed on to hear all the discussions between Dyke and the remaining clubs. Phillips had arrived at lunchtime to present the new and more attractive British Satellite Broadcasting/BBC package.

Undoubtedly the most likely compromise for the clubs is the one Taylor suggested on Tuesday, in which every first division club would be guaranteed £100,000, with each televised live match earning £225,000. £150,000 of that would go to the home team and £75,000 to the visitors.

That might not bring as much to Liverpool or Manchester United as the ITV deal, but it could be just as attractive to Sheffield Wednesday or Newcastle as the ITV offer, and would still leave £1.5 million for the rest of the League.

The TV formula to satisfy all the competing stations is more difficult to anticipate. There were suggestions last night that ITV might relinquish their claim to the exclusive rights on the home matches of the second five clubs, but any formula which still excluded BBC and BSB from the top five home matches completely seems unlikely to be acceptable.

Dyke stands firm against critics

By Louise Taylor

Greg Dyke, the chairman of the ITV sports committee, was at pains yesterday to defend his position. "We do not wish to buy English football exclusively," he said. "Neither do we or the clubs involved wish to break up the Football League. Any restructuring of football is a job for football and not television."

David Elstein, the director of programmes at Thames Television, elaborated on the theme. "I'm not smashing anything," he said. "We've never seen our deal as a shut-out technique or as designed to break the League. The idea of a breakaway has been misconstrued. If it happened by default because 82 clubs fight out 10, it would be sad."

Elstein said that the League will ultimately withdraw its threat to expel the rebel 10 and would recognize the commercial realities underpinning the ITV offer. To do otherwise, he suggested, the men from the League would be "committing suicide".

"What has emerged is a consensus that, under market conditions, the bulk of the money should be commanded by the most attractive clubs. We've decided to pay the market price for the best football. There is not the slightest reason why it should damage football."

ITV regards its offer as a logical consequence of the proposed British Satellite Broadcasting agreement with the League. Dyke said: "The BSB offer has opened up the television market."

Dismissing forecasts of the hardship the ITV arrangement would bring to the excluded clubs, Elstein said: "The other 82 are entitled to do their own deals. There will be plenty of money for the little clubs."

He envisages that money as coming from Barclays, Littlewoods, individual club sponsors and a separate screening agreement with the BBC.

Latest Lord's conclave yields no decision on captaincy

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

England's selectors spent much of yesterday closeted together at Lord's in their latest round of talks on the captaincy. Yet again, however, they broke up with no decision announced, prolonging the suspense for all concerned by at least another day.

The sequence of delays on this issue is now a mystery promoting inevitable speculation, much of it inaccurate. Since the Old Trafford Test ended in humiliation last Tuesday, the selectors have met at least three times, quite apart from various informal discussions, and their inability to settle on a man for the job reeks of the procrastination which habitually gives the game's administration a bad name.

In another example of the trend, former captain Mike Gatting was yesterday referred to the full disciplinary committee of the Test and County Cricket Board charged with a breach of the regulations regarding public statements on tours.

Gatting's offending book was published two weeks ago yet he has only now been "sent for trial" and the case may not be heard for at least another month.

Gatting, it can surely be assumed, is not the name the selectors will come up with today, or maybe tomorrow, to lead the England side into the daunting Headingley Test next Thursday.

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It remains most likely to be Graham Gooch, though by now one hopes Peter May has verified the fact that this could only be a stopgap appointment.

Up to yesterday, Gooch had surprisingly not been asked by any of the selectors whether he would be willing to take on the job and, just as relevant to the deliberations, whether it might persuade him to change his mind about being unavailable for the tour of India this winter.

The answers are yes and no. He will definitely not be persuaded to tour, this year at least, so if he is put in charge now, there will be further agonising in the committee room within a matter of weeks, as the search is launched for a fourth captain within three months.

It may yet be that this remarkable delay leads to the retention of John Emburey, though this would only occur if the selectors had managed to satisfy themselves that the pitch in Leeds will be out of its engrained character and demand the inclusion of a slow bowler.

The third option, and one which many outsiders would doubtless champion, is to forget the established pecking order and bravely bring in a fresh face from outside.

Christopher Cowdrey, whose refreshing style of leadership has dragged a modest Kent team to the top of the championship, would then almost certainly be the choice — if not now, then in time for the winter tour.

One hopes that the selectors can find a decision in them this morning, if only so that they can get back to assessing some of the men who might make up the team. It seemed a shame that yesterday, their first chance in eight days to watch any first class cricket, was instead spent in yet another conference.

Brown seals it for the Bears in extra time

By John Watson

Urs Schwarzenbach's Black Bears defeated Lord Milford Haven's Broncos by eight goals to seven in extra time at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday. It was the last league match for both of them in the British Open.

It rained for much of the encounter and the ground cut up so badly that a roller was bought on to supplement the treading-in at half-time. But, notwithstanding the appalling conditions — with jealous marking, clever deployment and faithful backing up — this was perhaps the best exhibition of classic polo seen in the tournament.

Broncos, who were playing the better team game to begin with, and beautifully pivoted on the Chilean eight-goaler, Gabriel Donoso, they led all the way through to the middle of the fifth chukka, when Mike Azzaro, who had been displaying the most spectacular stick-work, made it 6-all. His fellow American No. 3 put the Bears ahead for the first time in the sixth, but Cody Forsyth, of New Zealand, then equalized for Broncos.

Martin Brown, the Bears' back, who had been giving one of his most energetically skilful performances, was the man who found the Broncos' flags in extra time.

The results of the evening League II Challenge was an 8-5 win for Hildon House against Greenhill Farm.

BLACK BEARS: 1, J Wade (2): 2, M Azzaro (6): 3, D Smicklas (7): back, M Brown (5)
BRONCOS: 1, Lord Milford Haven (2): 2, C Forsyth (7): 3, G Donoso (8): back, M Glue (6).

HILDON HOUSE: 1, N Lobel (1): 2, W El Effendi (7): 3, H Hipwood (8): back, Lord Beresford (6).
GREENHILL FARM: 1, J Lucas (5): 2, P Churchward (5): 3, R Graham (5): back, N Jones (5)
WINDSOR PARK: 1, G Kent (4): 2, R Barry (6): 3, S Mackenzie (8): back, Prince of Wales (4).
ROSAMUNDO: 1, A Galvan (6): 2, J Horswell (6): 3, A Herrera (8): back, D Pearl (2).

Faldo expected to start favourite

R and A give security priority

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

A massive crowd will need to wait patiently until this afternoon to see Nick Faldo launch his defence of the Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes.

Faldo will not tee off until 1.40 and Sandy Lyle, the champion in 1985, is not out until almost two hours later.

Even so the public interest in Faldo has already been registered. The likelihood is that he will start the 117th Championship as the first British favourite with the bookmakers since the war.

Morever such is the interest generated by Faldo and Lyle that the Royal and Ancient organizers of the Open have been compelled to take special action to guard against the course becoming a target area for demonstrations.

A total of 300 police and security men have been drafted in to patrol the links. It is part of the reason why the cost of staging the Open has risen from £1.5 million to a staggering £2.8 million in 12 months.

David Hill, the Championship secretary, said: "The greens must be guarded like family jewels. At places like Wembley and Wimbledon the officials can lock the doors. Here we must make sure that nobody enters to mutilate the greens as they did at the sixth at Royal Birkdale in 1983."

What delighted the Royal and Ancient more than anything, as the field of 153 completed their preparations, was an unexpected change in the weather. A drying wind and bright sunshine combined to help speed up the greens saturated by a deluge the previous evening.

Faldo looked increasingly at ease as he fine-tuned his swing with the assistance of teaching professional David Leadbetter. "I'm relaxed and I'm ready to play," he said. "I'm also much happier with my putting."

That message clearly reached the bookmakers. They reported that if Faldo wins it will cost them in excess of £1 million.

Lyle too, has been the subject of considerable support. Even so Faldo is likely to start the favourite at 8-1. The hottest favourite in Open history was Jack Nicklaus. He was 2-1 in 1972, following wins in the US Masters and US Open, although Lee Trevino eventually won.

Nicklaus, arguably the greatest player in the history of the game, is 66-1 this week and on the threshold of leaving the game without fulfilling one final dream.

He has scaled almost every Everest golf has to offer but he has found winning the Open Championship in England more difficult than climbing the Empire State building.

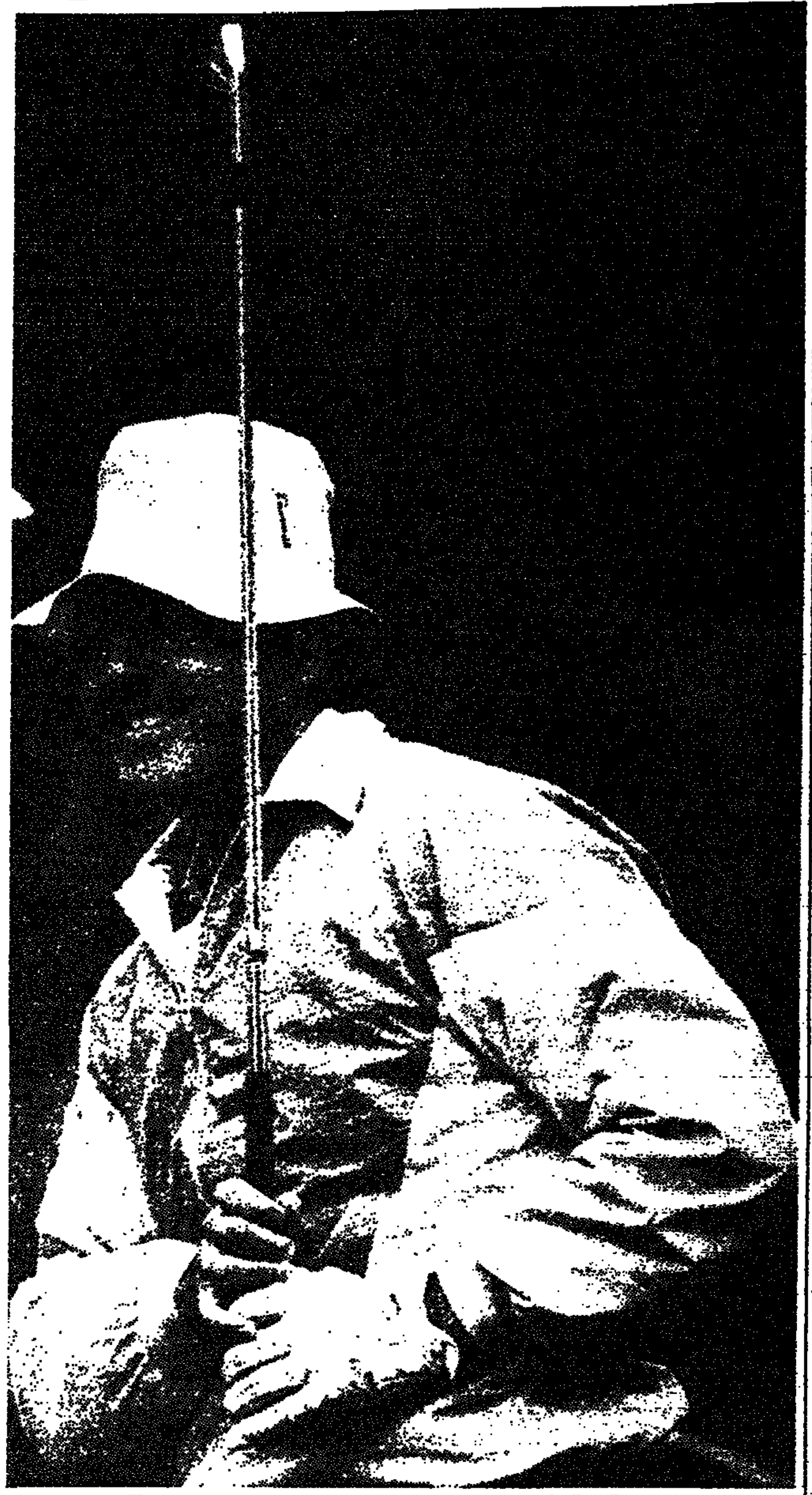
Nicklaus won at Muirfield in 1966 and at St Andrews in 1970 and 1978.

If he fails on this occasion then Nicklaus will be 51 the next time the Open unfolds in England. To win on Sunday he must break another record because it would make him the oldest champion in the history of the Open.

Nicklaus said: "I feel that if I can make a decent start then I've still got a chance. I know how to play the last two days of a championship.

THE OPEN ON TV

GOLF: BBC2 11 a.m.-1.20 p.m., 1.35-7.35 p.m. BBC1 11.20 p.m.-12.05 a.m. Highlights.
WEATHER: Cool and windy; winds veering to north west bringing showers, heavy at times with possibility of thunder during morning; occasional sunny periods; maximum temperature. 14°C (57°F).



Vertical hold: Ballesteros in practice (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Swedes are hungry for success in golf too

By John Hennessy

The juxtaposition of Wimbledon and the Open Championship prompts the thought that some day soon Stefan Edberg's triumph on a British tennis court might receive an answering echo on a British golf links.

Jan Lundqvist, coach to one group of Swedish golf professionals, takes a sensibly guarded view. "We'll get to the top all right," he said yesterday, "but it will take longer than in tennis." Their weather, he explained, was inimical to outdoor sport and you could not put a roof over a golf course as you could a tennis court.

Yet golf has become a boom sport in Sweden, according to Mats Lanner, winner last year of the Epson Grand Prix matchplay event at St Pierre. "Its image is attractive to sponsors," he said, and, for the moment at least, there were not too many professional players seeking a slice of the cake.

Lanner is one of three Swedish winners on the European tour. He succeeded Ove Sellberg as match-play champion, and Anders Forsbrand landed one of the most lucrative prizes with his victory in the Ebel European Masters last year. It was worth £56,000. All three events left experienced observers wide-eyed with wonder. Not surprisingly, Tony Jacklin now foresees a Swede appearing in the Ryder Cup team in the near future.

Swedish golf changed four years ago with the sudden blossoming of their professionals. Since then, every event — 16 over 72 holes and one match-play championship — has been open to all players. They no longer have an amateur champion, only a Swedish champion. This year, as chance would have it, he is a Norwegian.

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Christian Hardin, winner of the Amateur championship at Porthcawl last month, has no doubt of the benefits such a system brings. "We always play in good tournaments," he says, "and we learn something from everyone."

Hardin narrowly failed to succeed yet another Swede, Anders Haglund, as European Open Amateur champion in Hamburg last month. He was joint second — behind an Australian. The best player from these shores was four strokes further back.

Steen Tinning, a Danish player surveying the scene from outside, attributes the Swedish rise to brilliant administration, "sometimes almost too much organisation". Hardin amplifies that observation with the thought that they sometimes think it too much a matter of physical training. "You only have to see some of the great players out there...," and his voice trailed away, leaving unsaid the idea that some were less than perfect physical specimens but it did not stop them from making a golf ball sit up and beg for mercy.

A code of camaraderie exists among the Swedes, even when, as professionals, they go separate ways so far as sponsorship is concerned. This is partly due to the team spirit strongly engendered as amateurs, partly to their being so comparatively few in number, and partly because of what might now be called the Stefan Edberg syndrome. Like him, they all seem to be charming young men for whom petty jealousy and back-biting would be unthinkable. Exactly the type, in other words, that commercial sponsors are looking for.

"The only thing we don't have is tradition," Hardin says. But there's no answer to that, however brilliant the administration.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Briton is rescued

Noelle Corbett, a British yachtswoman, was towed safely ashore on Tuesday 100 miles short of Newport, Rhode Island and the finish of a singlehanded trans-Atlantic race. Shipping on the eastern seaboard of the United States had been asked to keep a lookout for Corbett and her 12-metre yacht Outrageous, which had made no contact for 20 days.

Corbett, aged 33, was disappointed not to finish the race but said she had lost her boom, her running backstay and had neither power nor aerials.

Moving up

Bill Oliver, aged 39, a Plymouth snooker club owner and professional player since 1983, has joined the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association board, replacing Rex Williams.

Dickie: first defence

Dickie bout

Robert Dickie will make the first defence of his World Boxing Council super-featherweight title against Kamel Bou-Ali, of Tunisia, at the King's Hall, Stoke-on-Trent on August 31. Bou-Ali, aged 29, has lost only once in more than 30 bouts over 11 years.

Doyle date

Tony Doyle, the former world professional pursuit champion, rides in the 20km event at the Cleveland grand prix meeting on July 24.

Holding job

Terry Lankshear, general secretary of the RAC Motor Sports Association, is to take over the duties of the chief executive, Peter Hammond, who was killed last week in a car crash, until a successor is found.

Iraqis guilty

FIFA, football's world governing body, has found two Iraqi players guilty of harassing, pushing and spitting at a referee during an Olympic qualifying match in Kuwait last December. Both players have been suspended for two years and two Iraqi officials also banned for life.

Bowls draw

The draw has been made for the NatWest Bank Middleton Cup county bowls championship quarter-finals, which will be played on July 23.

DRAW: Leicestershire v Northumberland (at Kingston BC, Hull); Norfolk v Lincolnshire (at Baker Perkins BC, Peterborough); Somerset v Hampshire (at Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire); Middlesex v Wiltshire (at Oxford City and County BC).

WPBSA relaxes ban on beta-blockers

By John Goodbody

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) is to permit one class of beta-blockers to be used for medical reasons by leading players even if the drugs could be helping their performance. The WPBSA yesterday had to correct a Press statement which had given the impression that the future use of all types of beta-blockers had been banned.

The governing body simultaneously announced that players, who are tested positive, will be suspended from tournaments before their cases are heard by a disciplinary tribunal, conducted by an independent, legally-qualified chairman. Last season, the hearing of Cliff Thorburn, who had been positively tested for cocaine at the British Open in February, was delayed until after he had played the world championship in April.

Yesterday's Press release stated: "New rules were originally introduced at the beginning of May to make clear to members those substances which were permitted and those which were not, namely stimulants, narcotics, anabolic steroids, beta-blockers and diuretics.

"They were also designed to regulate the approval procedure for the cardio-selective drug, Atenolol, so that members were clear of responsibilities and obligations."

It was then pointed out to the WPBSA that atenolol is a beta-blocker and therefore one type of the drug is still permitted. The WPBSA also sent out to members a copy of the International Olympic Committee brochure on doping with the advice that they should study its contents. They will read that among the substances banned by the IOC is atenolol, because of its possible misuse

END COLUMN

Every golfer his own master

By Simon Barnes

Golf is a sport much loved by sententious people — the sort that delight in making pompous moral judgements about stroppy tennis players, over-aggressive footballers, whingeing cricketers and other archetypal sporting figures.

"Disgraceful," they say happily. "And it's not necessary for sportsmen to behave like this, is it? I mean, look at golfers. They never misbehave. They are the true sportsmen, true gentlemen. Why can't all sportsmen be like golfers?"

Golfers tend to be calm people. They can put mistakes and problems out of their minds; they don't get angry, they don't get violent; they don't give referees a hard time. Top golfers tend to be impassive blokes, masters of their own emotions.

But they would be, wouldn't they? You don't find reckless, furious, emotion-bound cavaliers in golf, any more than you find them among people who cut diamonds for a living. Golf requires calmness in the face of adversity and in the face of incipient triumph: those who cannot manage such calmness are not much good at the game.

A game played in cold blood

Being good at golf involves great emotional control. Tennis, on the other hand, seems to demand exactly the opposite: a full-flowing, unlimited emotional response to circumstances. Can you imagine Leconte as a professional golfer? Or McEnroe?

Golf makes demands on different sides of the personality. It is a game best played in cold blood: football, tennis, even cricket, all the games in which the ball is moving and moving fast, are played in hot blood. It is inevitable that this sometimes spills over.

It is equally inevitable that golf, and other still-ball games like snooker, are more or less trouble-free, certainly during actual play. The nature of the games insists on it.

And in golf, there is a further question: just who do you get cross with? In a fast-ball game, you can argue forever: that ball was out, that wasn't a catch because I never touched it, that ball didn't cross the line and the Russian linesman was wrong. But in golf there is nothing to dispute: there is the ball. Exactly where you put it yourself. Unarguably in the bunker or on the green.

There is nothing to dispute and no one to blame, not even your opponent. Golfers do not have opponents. Every man is his own opponent: even in match-play, pro golfers and club golfers, too, I expect, play the course, or to put it another way, his or her own self.

That is the interesting bit about golf: the fact that the golfer is more naked than any other athlete. No one to blame, no one to argue with. Perhaps that is why the office-going classes love the game so much: after a week of obedience and leadership and contributions to the team and hierarchies and responsibilities to others, comes Saturday morning and the monthly medal, and you have responsibility to no one but yourself.

A ball that is a very silly size

Everyone talks about the frustrations of golf. I can see that it must be a frightfully annoying game: the bats are the wrong shape and the ball is such a very silly size. But golf is even-handed: while it hands out its monstrous, routine frustrations, it also hands out smug self-satisfaction in carefully measured amounts.

The human brain has no memory of pain: no real memory of how bad things can be. The golfer's brain works on the same principle: it can remember the fact, but not the real agony, of the game's frustrations. But the game's satisfactions can be recalled vividly any time the golfer wants. Or to put that another way, often.

And just as there is no one to blame in golf, except yourself, there is no one else to praise either. That gives the game its mustard.

I tried the game once, in Kashmir, on what they told me was the highest natural golf course in the world. I could see where the satisfactions of the game lie, but so far as I am concerned, golfers are welcome to them. Ah, well — I never said I was one of sport's gentlemen, did I?

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